

1 were true – which the Board vehemently disputes – pursuit of the Causes of Action is not in the best
2 interest of creditors. Indeed, the Board believes that pursuit of the Causes of Action will expend
3 limited resources with little if any commensurate benefit to creditors. For example, the description
4 of the Causes of Action contains no analysis of the alleged breaches of trust, fiduciary duty or care
5 by the Board. The description of the Causes of Action contains no analysis of the probability of
6 success in litigation, or how applicable law applied to the allegations will lead to recovery of a
7 judgment against the Board members. The description of the Causes of Action contains no analysis
8 of the ability of the Board members to satisfy a judgment, or any analysis of the effect on the Causes
9 of Action of existing insurance, the rights of indemnity by contract and the Board members' rights to
10 indemnity by state law.

11 In short, the Committee's description of the Causes of Action paints a superficially beguiling
12 story, but one that fails to provide any factual, legal or practical analysis that will allow creditors
13 voting on the Plans to determine if pursuit of the Causes of Action will produce actual, tangible
14 results for creditors. In this section of the Disclosure Statement, the Board will explain the reasons
15 why it believes that pursuit of the Causes of Action – even if all of the allegations made by the
16 Committee are true, which the Board vehemently disputes - will producing little, if anything, for the
17 benefit of creditors.

18 (a) Comparison of the Board of Directors

19 The Board of Directors of the Debtor consists of Stephen V. Novacek, Esq., Harvey Fennell,
20 Michael Mines, Ernest Martinelli, Dr. Nazir Ansari and Nello Gonfiantini. The Board members are
21 accomplished and respected professionals and people of business in Nevada. Most of them have
22 spent their adult lives in northern Nevada. They represent a wide range of experience from the law,
23 real estate, development, banking and finance. All members of the Board are personally invested as
24 equity shareholders of the Debtor.

25 The members of the Board are active and engaged directors. The Board has historically
26 conducted its business through regularly scheduled meetings and through properly formed
27 committees, including a Loan Committee and a Compensation Committee. The Board has followed
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1 proper corporate governance. The Board has sought advice from a number of professionals on
2 various issues.

3 After the Debtor filed its Chapter 11 Petition, all of the Board members remained as
4 directors. After Chief Restructuring Officer Grant Lyon was appointed, all of the Board members
5 remained as directors. Many of the Board members have offered to remain as members of the
6 governing body of the Restructured Debtor under the Debtor's proposed Plan.

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8 **(b) General Comments About the Committee's Allegations**

9 The Committee has set forth various allegations of "fact" that it appears to give rise to
10 liability on the part of the Board members. The Board strenuously disputes the Committee's
11 allegations. The Board vigorously denies any form of liability arising out of the Committee's
12 allegations. The Board further contends that, even if these allegations were true (which we dispute),
13 impressing liability on Board members and actually collecting any sum of money is highly
14 problematic based on the application of the business judgment rule, the Board's appropriate reliance
15 on proper corporate governance in the conduct of its duties, including the approval of related-party
16 transactions, and the Board's entitlement to indemnification from the Debtor pursuant to contract
17 with the Debtor, the Debtor's insurance and state law.

18 The purpose of the Board's statement of position in this Joint Disclosure Statement is to
19 explain to creditors why the Board has concluded that pursuit of the Causes of Action is not in the
20 best interests of creditors. In summary, even assuming that the Committee's allegations are true
21 (which the Board vehemently disputes), prevailing on those allegations against Board members will
22 be highly problematic and, even if successful, will not produce money to be paid to creditors because
23 of the Board's contractual and state law rights to indemnification.

24 **(c) Pre-petition Indemnification Agreements**

25 The Debtor entered into a pre-petition Indemnification Agreement (the "Indemnification
26 Agreement") with each Board member. In general, the Indemnification Agreements provide that "as
27 an inducement to [the Board member] to continue to serve as such director, the Company has agreed
28 to indemnify and to advance expenses and costs incurred by [the Board member] in connection with

any such claims, suits or proceedings, to the fullest extent permitted by law[.]” The Indemnification Agreements provide for indemnity to each Board member who

“is, or is threatened to be, made a party to or a witness in any threatened, pending or completed Proceeding brought by or in the right of the Company to procure a judgment in its favor. [The Board member] shall be indemnified against all amounts paid in settlement and all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or on his behalf in connection with such Proceeding unless it is established that (i) the act or omission of [the Board Member] was material to the matter giving rise to such a Proceeding and (a) was committed in bad faith or (b) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty or (ii) [the Board member] actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services.”

As set forth in a subsequent section, if the Committee contends that the Board members’ conduct was material and in bad faith or dishonest, such an allegation may eliminate the right to indemnity by the Debtor, but it would almost certainly jeopardize any obligation of the Debtor’s insurer to provide indemnity, as well.

The Indemnification Agreement further provides that even if the Board member is determined to be liable for receipt of an improper personal benefit, he may still obtain indemnification by court order. The Indemnification Agreement obligates the Debtor to

“advance all reasonable Expenses incurred by or on behalf of Indemnatee in connection with any Proceeding to which Indemnatee is, or is threatened to be, made a party or a witness, within ten days after the receipt by the Company of a statement or statements from Indemnatee requesting such advance[.]”

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“[i]n any judicial proceeding or arbitration pursuant to this Section 11 the Company shall have the burden of proving that Indemnatee is not entitled to indemnification or advance of Expenses, as the case may be.” Section 11(a).

The Indemnification Agreements have a term of ten years after the date the Board member ceases to serve as a director. Section 16. In addition,

“the Company shall require and cause any successor (whether direct or indirect by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all, substantially all or a substantial part, of the business and/or assets of

1 the Company, by written agreement in form and substance
2 satisfactory to [the Board member], expressly to assume and agree to
3 perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent
4 that the Company would be required to perform if no such succession
5 had taken place.” Section 16(c).

6 The Board continued in existence and continued to act on behalf of the Debtor after the
7 Chapter 11 petition was filed, and after Chief Restructuring Officer Grant Lyons was appointed by
8 Court order. The inducement of providing indemnity pursuant to the Indemnity Agreements thus
9 remains as significant today as when the agreements were entered into.

10 The Debtor is a Maryland corporation and, similar to the law in virtually all 50 states,
11 Maryland law contains broad rights of indemnification for directors and executive officers. The
12 policy that supports these laws throughout the United States is similar to the recital in the
13 Indemnification Agreement: it is an inducement to attract competent board members to serve.

14 (d) State Law Rights of Indemnification

15 Even if the Debtor’s contractual obligation to indemnify the Board did not exist or was
16 eliminated, the Debtor’s obligation to indemnify the Board members is further set forth in Maryland
17 law and, to the extent it were deemed applicable, in Nevada law. In addition, state law provides
18 immunity for exercising reasonable care and good faith, and further entitles the board member to
19 rely on information and opinions prepared by officers and professionals. The relevant Maryland and
20 Nevada state law, set forth below, is yet another basis on which the Board concludes that pursuit of
21 the Causes of Action is not in the best interest of creditors because a Board member will be entitled
22 in nearly all circumstances to offset any potential judgment against the obligation of the Debtor to
23 indemnify.

24 (i) Maryland Standard of Care and Director Liability

25 A director must perform his duties as a director, including his duties as a member of a
26 committee of the board on which he serves, “(1) in good faith; (2) in a manner he reasonably
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believes to be in the best interests of the corporation; and (3) with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.” Md. Code Ann., Corps. & Ass’ns § 2-405.1(a). There exists a presumption that an act of a director satisfies the standards of subsection (a). Md. Code Ann., Corps. & Ass’ns § 2-405.1(e).

In performing his duties, a director is entitled to rely on “any information, opinion, report, or statement, including any financial statement or other financial data, prepared or presented by:

- (i) An officer or employee of the corporation whom the director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented;
- (ii) A lawyer, certified public accountant, or other person, as to a matter which the director reasonably believes to be within the person’s professional or expert competence; or
- (iii) A committee of the board on which the director does not serve, as to a matter within its designated authority, if the director reasonably believes the committee to merit confidence.

Md. Code Ann., Corps. & Ass’ns § 2-405.1(b)(1). However, the director does not act in good faith if “he has any knowledge concerning the matter in question which would cause such reliance to be unwarranted.” Md. Code Ann., Corps. & Ass’ns § 2-405.1(b)(2).

“It is well established that an officer/director of a corporation occupies a fiduciary relationship with the corporation and owes the corporation a duty of utmost care and loyalty.” Pitman v. Aran, 935 F. Supp. 637, 645-46 (D. Md. 1996). Maryland courts have set out the “business judgment rule” as follows:

The conduct of the corporation’s affairs are placed in the hands of the board of directors and if the majority of the board properly exercises its business judgment, the directors are not ordinarily liable. This sound general rule, however, is subject to the important exception that directors will be held liable if they permit the funds of the corporation or the corporate property to be lost or wasted by their gross or culpable negligence.

Parish v. Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Ass’n, 250 Md. 24, 74, 242 A.2d 512, 540 (1968).

(ii) Maryland Immunity from Liability

Notably, a person who performs his duties in accordance with the standard set out in section

1 2-405.1 “shall have the immunity from liability described under § 5-417 of the Courts and Judicial
 2 Proceedings Article.” Md. Code Ann., Corps. & Ass’ns § 2-405.1(c). That article states that “A
 3 person who performs the duties of that person in accordance with the standard provided under § 2-
 4 405.1 of the Corporations and Associations Article has no liability by reason of being or having been
 5 a director of a corporation.” Md. Code Ann., Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 5-417.

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 7 a) Directors

8 Directors are shielded from personal liability so long as they act in “good faith,” “in the best
 9 interests of the corporation,” and “[w]ith the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a like position
 10 would use under similar circumstances.” Edenbaum v. Schwarcz-Osztreicherne, 165 Md. App. 233,
 11 252-53, 885 A.2d 365, 376 (Md. Ct. Spec. App. 2005).

12 b) Officers

13 “In the absence of fraud, “a corporate officer is not personally liable on a corporate contract
 14 with a third person.” Edenbaum v. Schwarcz-Osztreicherne, 165 Md. App. 233, 252, 885 A.2d 365,
 15 375-76 (Md. Ct. Spec. App. 2005) (citing A.B. Corporation v. Futrovsky, 259 Md. 65, 79, 267 A.2d
 16 130 (1970)).

17 (iii) Maryland Indemnification

18 Section 2-418 governs corporate indemnification. A corporation “may” indemnify a director
 19 made party to any proceeding unless:
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- 21 1. The act or omission of the director was material to the matter
 22 giving rise to the proceeding; and
 - 23 a. Was committed in bad faith; or
 - 24 b. Was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty; or
- 25 2. The director actually received an improper personal benefit in
 26 money, property, or services; or
- 27 3. In the case of any criminal proceeding, the director had
 28 reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was
 unlawful.

1 Md. Code Ann., Corps. & Ass'ns § 2-418(b)(1).

2 Indemnification "may be against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements, and reasonable
3 expenses actually incurred by the director in connection with the proceeding," indemnification "may
4 not be made in respect of any proceeding in which the director shall have been adjudged to be liable
5 to the corporation." Md. Code Ann., Corps. & Ass'ns § 2-418(b)(2). Further, the corporation may
6 not indemnify a director with respect to "any proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the
7 director, whether or not involving action in the director's official capacity, in which the director was
8 adjudged to be liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received." Md. Code Ann.,
9 Corps. & Ass'ns § 2-418(c).

10 Unless limited by the charter, a court may order indemnification of a successful director
11 pursuant to certain requirements and under certain circumstances. See Md. Code Ann., Corps. &
12 Ass'ns § 2-418(d). Further requirements exist as to determining the reasonableness of expenses and
13 when those expenses may be paid. Md. Code Ann., Corps. & Ass'ns § 2-418(e)(3) – (4) and (f).

14 Importantly, the indemnification and advancement of expenses authorized by section 2-18
15 are not "exclusive of any other rights, by indemnification or otherwise, to which a director may be
16 entitled under the charter, the bylaws, a resolution of stockholders or directors, an agreement or
17 otherwise, both as to action in an official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding
18 such office." Md. Code Ann., Corps. & Ass'ns § 2-418(g).

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20 (iv) Nevada Standard of Care

21 In Nevada, directors and officers must exercise their powers in "good faith and with a view
22 to the interests of the corporation." Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 78.138(1). There exists a presumption
23 that the acts of the director or officer are "in good faith, on an informed basis and with a view to the
24 interests of the corporation." Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 78.138(3).

25 In performing their duties, directors and officers are entitled to rely on information, opinions,
26 reports, books of account or statements, including financial statements and other financial data
27 prepared or presented by the following:

- 28 (a) One or more directors, officers or employees of the corporation
reasonably believed to be reliable and competent in the matters

1 prepared or presented;

2 (b) Counsel, public accountants, financial advisers, valuation advisers,
3 investment bankers or other persons as to matters reasonably believed
4 to be within the preparer's or presenter's professional or expert
competence; or

5 (c) A committee on which the director or officer relying thereon does
6 not serve, established in accordance with NRS 78.125, as to matters
7 within the committee's designated authority and matters on which the
committee is reasonably believed to merit confidence.

8 Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 78.138(2). However, "a director or officer is not entitled to rely on such
9 information, opinions, reports, books of account or statements if the director or officer has
10 knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause reliance thereon to be unwarranted."

11 Id.

12 Further, directors and officers may consider the interests of the corporation's employees,
13 suppliers, creditors and customers; the economy of the State and the Nation, the interests of the
14 community and of society and "the long-term as well as short-term interests of the corporation and
15 its stockholders, including the possibility that these interests may be best served by the continued
16 independence of the corporation." Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 78.138(4). "Directors and officers are not
17 required to consider the effect of a proposed corporate action upon any particular group having an
18 interest in the corporation as a dominant factor." Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 78.138(5).

19 Directors owe the corporation the duty of care and the duty of loyalty. Horwitz v. Sw. Forest
20 Indus., Inc., 604 F. Supp. 1130, 1134 (D. Nev. 1985). "The duty of care requires the director to
21 exercise the care that a reasonably prudent person in a similar position would use under similar
22 circumstances." Id. "The duty of loyalty requires the director to act in good faith and, where he is
23 shown to have a self-interest in a transaction, the burden shifts to him to demonstrate that the
24 transaction is fair and serves the best interests of the corporation and its shareholders." Id.

25 Courts have expressed the "business judgment rule" as prohibiting judicial inquiry into the
26 actions of corporate directors taken in good faith and in the exercise of honest judgment in lawful
27 furtherance of corporate purposes. Horwitz v. Sw. Forest Indus., Inc., 604 F. Supp. 1130, 1134 (D.
28 Nev. 1985). It serves as a defense where directors have (1) acted in a good faith belief that their

1 conduct was in the corporation's best interests; (2) exercised due care in ascertaining the relevant
2 facts and law before acting; and (3) did not act in self-interest. Id.

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4 (v) Nevada Liability

5 Pursuant to exceptions that do not appear to apply or unless the articles of incorporation
6 provides otherwise, a director or officer is not individually liable to the corporation or its
7 stockholders or creditors for damages as a result of any act or failure to act in his or her capacity as a
8 director or officer unless it is proven that:

9 (a) The director's or officer's act or failure to act constituted a breach
10 of his or her fiduciary duties as a director or officer; and

11 (b) The breach of those duties involved intentional misconduct, fraud
12 or a knowing violation of law.

13 Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 78.138(7). Further, "except as otherwise provided by specific statute, no
14 stockholder, director or officer of a corporation is individually liable for a debt or liability of the
15 corporation, unless the stockholder, director or officer acts as the alter ego of the corporation." Nev.
16 Rev. Stat. Ann. § 78.747(1).

17 (vi) Nevada Indemnification

18 A Nevada corporation "may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to
19 be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action ... except an action by or in the right
20 of the corporation, by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or
21 agent of the corporation ... against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and
22 amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the
23 action, suit or proceeding if the person:

24 (a) Is not liable pursuant to NRS 78.138; or

25 (b) Acted in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably
26 believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation,
27 and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no
28 reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 78.7502(1).

1 Similarly, a corporation may indemnify a person where there is an action “in the right of the
2 corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a
3 director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation ... against expenses, including amounts paid
4 in settlement and attorneys’ fees actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with
5 the defense or settlement of the action or suit if the person:

6 (a) Is not liable pursuant to NRS 78.138; or

7 (b) Acted in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably
8 believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation.

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10 Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 78.7502(2). However, “indemnification may not be made” where the “person
11 has been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction ... to be liable to the corporation or for
12 amounts paid in settlement to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court ...
13 determines upon application that in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and
14 reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court deems proper.” *Id.*

15 Finally, to the extent that “a director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation has been
16 successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action ... the corporation shall indemnify him
17 or her against expenses, including attorneys’ fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in
18 connection with the defense.” Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 78.7502(3).

19 (e) Pre-petition Directors and Officers Insurance

20 The Debtor procured a directors and officers policy of insurance from Philadelphia
21 Indemnity Insurance Company, Policy No. PHSD490913. The Policy is a claims made policy that
22 expired February 12, 2011. The Debtor obtained “tail” coverage and reported the alleged “Causes of
23 Action” within the policy period to the insurer.

24 The Policy limit is \$1 million for all losses on account of all claims made during the Policy
25 period. Part 6(A). The Policy is a “wasting” policy because defense costs are part of the limit of
26 liability. The Policy excludes the obligation to pay on any loss in connection with a claim
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28 “arising out of, based upon or attributable to such Insured gaining any
profit, remuneration or advantage to which they were not legally

entitled; however, this exclusion shall only apply if a final and non-appealable judgment or adjudication establishes the Insured committed such act or omission;

“arising out of, based upon or attributable to any dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any criminal act or omission by such Insured; however, shall only apply if a final and non-appealable judgment or adjudication establishes the Insured committed such act or omission[.]” Part 5 A and B.

Thus, to the extent the Causes of Action seek to impress liability on the Board members by virtue of illegal profit, fraud or dishonesty, the applicability of these exclusions under the Policy will undoubtedly become an issue.

(f) Rights to Administrative Expense Claims

The Board further contends that its members have the right to indemnity as an administrative expense of the Debtor’s estate. For example, in In re Santa Monica Beach Hotel, Inc., 209 B.R. 722 (9th Cir. BAP 1997), a creditor with a pre-petition contract with the debtor continued to provide services to the debtor post-petition. The contract contained an indemnification clause. The creditor was sued for pre-petition and post-petition claims by a subcontractor, and sought to have the post-petition indemnity paid by the debtor as an administrative expense claim. The Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel allowed the administrative expense claim.

In order to receive an administrative expense claim, which has priority in payment over other creditors, the claimant must show that the debt arose from a transaction with the Debtor that directly and substantially benefitted the estate. In re DAK Industries, 66 F.3d 1091, 1094 (9th Cir. 1995). In Santa Monica Beach Hotel, the Court held that even though the contract had not been assumed by the debtor, the creditor who provided the services was entitled to rely on the terms of the contract and to obtain its benefit. 209 B.R. at 727 (citing In re Tucson Yellow Cab Co., Inc., 789 F.2d 701 (9th Cir. 1986)).

The Board anticipates that applications for administrative expenses will result in costly and protracted legal battles, which both sides have the risk of losing. If the Board is correct and the Court allows its rights to obtain indemnification as administrative expenses of the Debtors, those

1 expenses must be paid in full on the Effective Date of the Plan as a condition of confirmation of
2 either Plan. 11 U.S.C. §1129(a)(9)(A). The Debtor may lack the funds to satisfy such expenses.

3 If the Board is incorrect and its members do not have the right to indemnification as an
4 administrative expense, the Board believes that the existence of the contractual and state law right of
5 indemnification entitles the Board members to offset their defense costs and expenses against any
6 judgment that may be entered against them. If the Board is correct, under any set of circumstances,
7 the right of the Board members to indemnification strongly indicates that pursuit of the Causes of
8 Action will not yield commensurate benefit to creditors.

9 The Board has become aware that the Committee takes the position that the Debtors'
10 obligation to indemnify the Board members is subject to the Board members having filed proofs of
11 claim, which they did not do. There may be a number of grounds on which the Committee's
12 position is inaccurate, including the legal authority which holds that the right to indemnification may
13 be an administrative obligation of the Debtors and hence not subject to any requirement to file proofs
14 of claim. This legal authority is set forth above.

15 In addition, the Debtor has the obligation to comply with state law in the management and
16 operation of its business. 28 U.S.C. § 959(b). The Board believes that this requirement includes the
17 Maryland statutes requiring indemnification set forth above. Courts have held that this statute stands
18 for the "uncontroversial proposition that a trustee must carry out his duties in conformity with state
19 law." Hillis Motors, Inc. v. Hawaii Auto. Dealers' Ass'n, 997 F.2d 581, 593 (9th Cir. 1993) (citing
20 Midlantic Nat'l Bank v. New Jersey Dept. of Env'tl. Protection, 474 U.S. 494, 106 S.Ct. 755, 88
21 L.Ed.2d 859 (1986) aff'g In re Quanta Resources Corp., 739 F.2d 912 (3rd Cir. 1984) (trustee may
22 not abandon property in violation of state environmental laws); Robinson v. Michigan Consol. Gas
23 Co., 918 F.2d 579 (6th Cir. 1990) (state law landlord duties not preempted by Bankruptcy Code);
24 Saravia v. 1736 18th Street, N.W., Ltd. Partnership, 844 F.2d 823, 826-27 (D.C. Cir. 1988) (local
25 housing code applies to debtor in possession).

26 In State of California v. Gillis, the District Court permitted the receiver of Western Oil &
27 Refining Company to continue to operate the business without posting a bond required by the state
28 of California guaranteeing the payment of all license taxes, penalties, and other obligations and

1 without securing an operating license from California. State of California v. Gillis, 69 F.2d 746, 747
 2 (9th Cir. 1934) aff'd, 293 U.S. 62, 55 S.Ct. 4, 79 L.Ed. 199 (1934). The Ninth Circuit held that the
 3 District Court lacked the power to order the receiver to conduct the affairs of the estate contrary to
 4 state law. Id.; see also Hillis Motors, Inc. v. Hawaii Auto. Dealers' Ass'n, 997 F.2d 581, 593 (9th
 5 Cir. 1993) (citing Gillis).

6 The Board is also aware that the Committee's Plan seeks to eliminate or affect the rights of
 7 indemnification created under Maryland state law, and hence any right to offset against potential
 8 damages that may be awarded against them, by the creation of the Liquidating Trust. The Board
 9 submits that the Committee's Plan that proposes to eliminate statutory rights of indemnification may
 10 violate numerous provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

11 For example, Section 1123(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that a plan "contain only
 12 provisions that are consistent with the interests of creditors and equity security holders and with
 13 public policy with respect to the manner of selection of any officer, director, or trustee under the
 14 plan and any successor to such officer, director, or trustee[.]" This section has been interpreted as
 15 prohibiting confirmation of a plan that violates state corporate governance statutes or state corporate
 16 law public policy. In re Mahoney, 80 B.R. 197, 201 (Bankr. S.D. Cal. 1987); see also In re Acequia,
 17 Inc., 787 F.2d 1352, 1361 (9th Cir. 1986) (Section 1123(a)(6) and (a)(7) must be read together and
 18 require that the court scrutinize any plan that alters the voting rights or establishes management in
 19 connection with a plan, regardless of whether the plan provides for the issuance of new securities).
 20 Moreover, one of the tests for confirmation of a plan is contained in Section 1129(a)(3), which
 21 requires that the plan is proposed in good faith and "not by any means forbidden by law." One court
 22 has applied Section 1129(a)(3) to its analysis of whether violation of a state constitution was grounds
 23 for denying confirmation. In re General Development Corporation, 135 B.R. 1002 (Bankr. S.D. Fla.
 24 1991) (court concluded that the state constitution was not violated).

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 26 **(g) Effect of Assumption or Rejection of the Indemnification**
 27 **Agreements**

28 Neither of the competing Plans of Reorganization sets forth the intention to assume or reject

1 the Indemnification Agreements. In this portion of the discussion, the Board does not take a position
2 whether the Indemnification Agreements are executory, which is a condition to assumption or
3 rejection. Rather, for purposes of this discussion only, the Board assumes that the Indemnification
4 Agreements are executory and thus subject to either assumption or rejection under Section 365 of the
5 Bankruptcy Code.

6 If these agreements are assumed in either Plan, the Directors' rights to indemnification
7 become administrative expenses of the Debtor and contractual obligations of the successor to the
8 Debtor under either Plan. If these agreements are rejected in either Plan, the rejection is deemed a
9 pre-petition breach of the agreements. 11 U.S.C. §365(g). However, because the Board provided
10 value to the Debtor post-petition, the Indemnification Agreements may still be enforced against the
11 Debtor in accordance with the terms of the agreements. Santa Monica Beach Hotel, 209 B.R. at 726;
12 Tucson Yellow Cab, 853 F.2d at 703-704; see also In re World Sales, Inc., 183 B.R. 872, 877 (9th
13 Cir. BAP 1995) ("[t]he teaching of *Tucson Yellow Cab*, then, is that we must look not only to the
14 benefit to the estate, but also to the consideration due the creditor for providing such benefit. Such
15 consideration must encompass the entire bargain between the parties, including performance due
16 under foreseen and bargained for contingencies.").

17 Moreover, neither of the competing Plans addresses the effect of Maryland state law (or
18 Nevada state law, to the extent it were deemed to apply) on the Board members' rights to
19 indemnification. Even in the absence of the Indemnification Agreements, the Board submits that the
20 statutory right to indemnification and the state law limitations on a director's potential liability
21 render pursuit of the Causes of Action a zero-sum endeavor for creditors.

22 (h) Conclusion

23 The assumption that someone must be at fault when an investment goes bad is probably a
24 natural product of the human condition, but it is a temptation that should be yielded to cautiously and
25 only if there is some commensurate benefit. The Board of Directors of the Debtor contests the
26 Committee's version of facts and its allegations, but even if those allegations are assumed to be true,
27 pursuit of the Causes of Action is not in the best interests of creditors. What is glaringly missing
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1 from the Committee's discussion of its Causes of Action is:

2 (1) the application of the law to the Board's decisions that are challenged. The law holds that
3 the Board is immune when decisions are made in good faith and that the Board is entitled to rely on
4 advice from officers and professionals and has no liability as a result thereof. These considerations
5 strongly suggest that the Board has no liability;

6 (2) the effect of contractual and state law rights of indemnification on any judgment that
7 could be obtained. As set forth at length above, these considerations indicate that the Board is
8 entitled to be indemnified by the Debtor before creditors will receive anything; and

9 (3) the existing Policy of insurance that is depleted by defense costs and should not be
10 regarded as a "deep pocket" for creditors.

11 These considerations lead the Board to conclude that pursuit of the Causes of Action is not in
12 the best interests of creditors.

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14 **NO PERSON SHOULD VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLANS WITH THE**
15 **EXPECTATION THAT THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS AND/OR LIQUIDATING**
16 **TRUST WILL REFRAIN FROM PURSUING ANY ACTION WHETHER OR NOT THAT**
17 **ACTION WAS COMMENCED PRE-PETITION OR POST-PETITION. EXCEPT AS**
18 **EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THE PLANS, THE PLANS DO NOT RELEASE ANY**
19 **CLAIMS HELD BY THE DEBTORS OR THE ESTATES. INSTEAD, ALL OF THE**
20 **RIGHTS OF THE DEBTORS AND THEIR ESTATES TO PURSUE THESE ACTIONS ARE**
21 **PRESERVED, AS APPLICABLE.**

22 **E. Significant Events of the Case**

23 **1. Preliminary Motions and Other Early Activity in the Cases**

24 At the outset of these cases, Debtors filed a number of motions. On May 3, 2010, Debtors
25 filed their *Motion For Order Directing Joint Administration Of Related Chapter 11 Cases Pursuant*
26 *To Fed. Rule Bankr. P. 1015(B) And Local Rule 1015(B)* [Docket No. 31]. By Order of the Court
27 dated May 14, 2010, the Cases have been jointly administered. [Docket No. 89].

28 On May 3, 2010, a *Motion Of Specialty Trust, Inc. For Order Limiting Scope Of Notice* was

1 filed [Docket No. 32], whereby ST sought to limit the scope of notice to be provided for certain
 2 matters as delineated in the Motion. This Motion was granted by Order of the Court on May 18,
 3 2010. [Docket No. 98]. This Order was modified by the *Motion For Order Further Limiting Scope*
 4 *of Notice* filed on August 5, 2010. [Docket No. 308]. The modifications sought by that Motion were
 5 granted by Order of the Court on September 10, 2010. [Docket No. 386].

6 Debtors also filed a *Motion for Order Granting Extension to File Schedules of Assets and*
 7 *Liabilities and Statement of Financial Affairs* on May 4, 2010. [Docket No. 43]. Debtors filed their
 8 Schedules and Statements of Financial Affairs on May 21, 2010. Pursuant to an Order of this Court
 9 entered on June 17, 2010, these Schedules and Statements of Financial Affairs were deemed timely
 10 filed. [Docket No. 214].

11 The 341 Meeting was held on May 24, 2010, and was further continued to June 14, 2010.
 12 The 341 Meeting was concluded on June 14, 2010.

13 **2. Appointment of the Committee**

14 Shortly after the Petition Date, the U.S. Trustee appointed the Committee in the Case. The
 15 following are the current members of the Committee:

- 16 • Raymond J. Poncia, Jr.
- 17 • Ballardini Family Trust / James R. Cavilia, Esq.
- 18 • Peter Cladianos, Jr.
- 19 • Art and Cindy Hinckley Family Trust / Steven S. Johnson
- 20 • Warren W. & Carol A. Tripp Family Trust / Deric Debenedetti

21 The Debtors' management and its professionals have been working closely and cooperatively
 22 with the Committee, the CRO and their representatives during the Cases to (i) provide the
 23 Committee and CRO with current and historical information regarding the Debtors' operations,
 24 finances, and other affairs and (ii) obtain input regarding various matters, including matters for
 25 which the Debtors has sought Court approval during the Cases.

26 Pursuant to the Court's *Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a), § 1102(b)(3), and § 1103(c),*
 27 *Clarifying Requirements to (1) Provide Access to Information, and (2) Solicit and Receive*
 28 *Comments from Shareholders* (the "Information Order"), absent further order from the Court, the

1 Committee is prohibited from disseminating (i) non-public information concerning the Debtors or
2 the Committee, and (ii) any other information if the effect of such disclosure would constitute a
3 general waiver of the attorney-client, work-product, or other applicable privilege possessed by the
4 Debtors or the Committee.

5 Notwithstanding the foregoing, pursuant to the Information Order, Shareholders may submit
6 requests for information to the Committee. Upon receipt of such a request, the Committee must
7 provide a written response as soon as practicable, by no later than ten (10) business days after receipt
8 of the information request. The Committee may provide the Shareholder requesting information
9 with any non-confidential, non-proprietary, and non-privileged information in the Committee's
10 possession that is responsive to its information request, unless the Committee determines, in its sole
11 discretion, that such request is unduly burdensome. Pursuant to the Information Order, the
12 Committee is also authorized to hold periodic meetings open to all Shareholders represented by the
13 Committee. The Committee provides notice of these periodic meetings by posting the date and the
14 time of such meetings, along with dial-in information, on the website maintained by McDonald
15 Carano Wilson, LLP (<http://www.mcdonaldcarano.com>) at least fifteen (15) days before each
16 meeting.

17 Contact information for counsel to the Committee is as follows:

18 Kaaran E. Thomas, Esq.
19 McDonald Carano Wilson LLP
20 P.O. Box 2670
21 Reno, NV 89505-2670
22 (775) 788-2000
23 kthomas@mcdonaldcarano.com

24 **3. Debtor-in-Possession Financing and Use of Cash Collateral**

25 Debtors sought permission to use cash collateral during the pendency of these Cases. On
26 May 3, 2010, Debtors filed a *Motion for Interim and Final Orders (A) Authorizing Debtors to Utilize*
27 *Cash Collateral Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 363 and (B) Scheduling a Final Hearing Pursuant to*
28 *Bankruptcy Rule 4001*. [Docket No. 36]. Through this Motion, Debtors sought the use of the cash
collateral of US Bank and Deutsche Bank. Various objections were filed to this Motion and the
Court conducted numerous hearings and status conferences with regard to Debtors' use of cash

1 collaterals. Various interim orders have been entered allowing the Debtors' to use Cash Collateral.
2 [Docket Nos. 113, 174, 272, 439]. A final order granting the use of cash collateral was entered by
3 the Court on December 15, 2010. [Docket No. 573].

4 On March 2, 2011, the Court heard *Debtors' Motion for Entry of Order Authorizing (A)*
5 *Amendments to the Budget, and (B) Modification of Terms of Loans to C.I.C. & S, LLC* [Docket No.
6 656]. Subject to the *Stipulation Regarding Debtors' Motion for Entry of Order Authorizing (A)*
7 *Amendments to the Budget, and (B) Modification of Terms of Loans to C.I.C. & S, LLC* [Docket No.
8 683], the relief requested by the Debtors was approved.

9 Debtors also filed a *Motion For Entry Of Order (1) Authorizing Postpetition Financing*
10 *Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. §§ 105; 363(C) And 364(C) And (D); (2) Authorizing Use Of Cash*
11 *Collateral; (3) Granting Security Interests And Superpriority Claims; And (4) Granting Related*
12 *Relief*, on November 16, 2010. [Docket No. 495]. Debtors sought permission to obtain debtor in
13 possession financing from Northlight. Pursuant to a final order of the Court, Debtors were granted
14 authority to enter in the DIP Facility with Northlight, Northlight was granted a superpriority claim
15 and further liens, and Debtors were authorized to use cash collateral. [Docket No. 573]. The DIP
16 Facility was granted in the amount of \$3,500,000.00. The DIP Facility was intended to permit the
17 Debtor to fund its operations, bankruptcy-related expenses (including U.S. Trustee fees and
18 professional fees, which are discussed in further detail below), and critical expenses.

19 **4. Expiration of the Exclusivity Periods**

20 The period during which the Debtors have the exclusive right to file a plan (or plans) of
21 reorganization was first extended to and including October 18, 2010. Debtors' further requested an
22 extension of the period of exclusivity through December 17, 2010. That request was considered at a
23 hearing held on December 7, 2010. Debtors' request for a further extension was granted and the
24 period of exclusivity was extended to and including January 18, 2011. Subsequently, Debtors'
25 sought a further extension of the period of exclusivity and the exclusivity period was extended to
26 March 25, 2011, however, the Committee has been permitted to file a plan notwithstanding the
27 existence of this "exclusive period." The exclusivity periods may be further extended by order of
28 the Court for cause.

1 **5. Existing Litigation**

2 **a. Pre-Petition Litigation**

3 SAC II was involved in pre-petition litigation with Ryland Homes of California. The case
4 was commenced in the Superior Court for San Joaquin County, California. The case involves issues
5 of judicial foreclosure and declaratory relief. The case was stayed as to SAC II, but continued
6 against other parties named therein. Ryland contends it is the holder of a first priority lien securing a
7 note for approximately \$1 million on property owned by SAC II, and commenced an action to
8 judicially foreclose. The Debtors have tendered the defense of that action to First American Title
9 company, which issued the title insurance to the Debtors, and First American is funding the defense
10 of the Ryland action. The Debtors believe First American will pay off the Ryland claim in the event
11 Ryland is successful.

12 **b. Post-Petition Litigation and FINRA Audit**

13 **(1) *Tom Gonzales v. Desert Land, LLC, et. al.***

14 This action was instituted in Clark County, Nevada against ST, in violation of the automatic
15 stay, and other defendants. The action seeks, in part, judicial foreclosure on a piece of property on
16 which ST holds a first deed of trust, which is better known as the Desert Land, LLC Loan. Gonzales
17 apparently has an agreement with Desert Land and Desert Oasis related to payment required upon
18 transfer or sale of the property. Gonzales initiated the lawsuit to have the parties' rights determined,
19 including a determination that ST's interest in the Desert Land, LLC loan is subordinate to
20 Gonzales' interest and that Gonzales should be permitted to foreclose on the land. ST removed the
21 action to the Court. There is currently a motion to withdraw reference pending.

22 **(2) *Paula Billau v. Specialty Trust, et. al.***

23 This action was instituted in the Central District of California against ST, SFC, Nello
24 Gonfiantini, Robert E. Lawless, Renee Wagner and others.¹⁰ The initiation of this lawsuit against
25 ST after the Petition Date violates the automatic stay. The action seeks a monetary judgment against
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27 _____
28 ¹⁰ The following individual defendants are also named in the action: Lance Wagner, Sandra Wagner, Bruce Tebbutt,
and Susan Tebbutt, the individuals whose shares Plaintiff allegedly acquired.

1 ST, and the other defendants, in amount not less than \$382,590.00 for damages resulting from
 2 alleged breach of contract, insider trading, fraud and misrepresentation. ST filed a notice of
 3 bankruptcy and is considering transferring this case to the Court. As the case is already in federal
 4 court, the time periods set forth in Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9027 do not govern.
 5 However, should it be determined that such time periods govern, those time periods have not begun
 6 to run as the action was instituted in violation of the automatic stay and no relief from the automatic
 7 stay has been granted. In addition, this litigation may be subject to dismissal as any claim asserted
 8 by Plaintiff in this action is time barred as against ST because Plaintiff has not filed a proof of
 9 claim.¹¹

10 **(3) Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) Audit**

11 FINRA is the largest independent regulator for all securities firms doing business in the
 12 United States. In September 2010, Specialty Capital, LLC (“Specialty Capital”), a registered broker-
 13 dealer and wholly owned subsidiary of SFC, was notified by FINRA that it was going to conduct a
 14 Financial/Operational and Sales Practice examination (the “Examination”) of Specialty Capital.
 15 During the course of the Examination, FINRA requested SFC to produce certain information relating
 16 to ST, including accounting records and loan-related documents. SFC, on behalf of ST, requested
 17 FINRA to sign a confidentiality and nondisclosure agreement prior to receiving ST’s documents.
 18 FINRA declined to do so, and accordingly SFC refused to furnish certain of the requested
 19 documents. In April 2011, Specialty Capital received from FINRA its Examination Report with
 20 respect to the Examination. Specialty Capital has provided to FINRA its responses to the exceptions
 21 in the Examination Report and is awaiting FINRA’s disposition related to the Examination.

22 **c. Retention of Claims, Causes of Action and Other Rights**

23 Except where expressly released or except as otherwise provided in the Plans, pursuant to
 24 Bankruptcy Code section 1123(b), the Reorganized Debtors and/or the Liquidating Trust shall be
 25 vested with and retain and may enforce any Claims, rights, and causes of action that the Debtors or the
 26 Estates may hold or have against any entity, all of which are hereby preserved, including rights of
 27

28 ¹¹ Plaintiff may argue that the claim cannot be time barred as they did not receive notice of the bankruptcy.

disallowance, offset, recharacterization and/or equitable subordination with respect to Claims, and causes of action that have been or may be brought by or on behalf of the Debtors or the Estates.

6. Professionals Retained by the Estate

During the Case, the Debtors and the Committee have retained numerous professionals to assist them during the pendency of the Case. The Court has specifically approved the employment of each of the following professionals in the following capacities:

<u>Professionals</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones	General Bankruptcy Counsel for Debtors
Downey Brand LLP	Nevada Bankruptcy Counsel for Debtors
Tobin & Tobin	Special Counsel for Debtors
Robison Belaustegui Sharp & Low	Special Counsel for Debtors
Downey Brand LLP	Nevada Bankruptcy Counsel for Debtors
Cobalt Real Estate, Inc.	Real Estate Brokers for Debtors
Colliers International	Real Estate Brokers for Debtors
Imperial Capital, LLC	Financial Advisor and Investment Banker for Debtors
Moss Adams LLP	Accountants, Auditors and Tax Return Preparers for Debtors
Shumway Van & Hansen	Special Counsel for Specialty Trust
G. Grant Lyon	Chief Restructuring Officer for Debtors
McDonald Carano Wilson LLP	Counsel for the Committee
FTI Consulting, Inc.	Financial Advisors for the Committee

The Court has approved interim fee procedures for professionals seeking compensation from the Estates. Generally, subject to the Debtors' cash availability and absent a timely objection, such professionals are eligible to receive payment of 80% of their monthly fees and 100% of their monthly costs upon passage, without objection, of an objection period following submission and service of a monthly fee statement. Such professionals have the opportunity to request and obtain any "hold back" amounts (*i.e.*, any fees or expenses not paid pursuant to the foregoing procedures or otherwise) upon the filing, and Court approval of, interim and final fee applications. Interim fee

1 applications are filed for the approval of fees and expenses for the preceding approximately four-
2 month period; final fee applications are filed at the end of a professional's representation of the
3 Debtor for the approval of fees and expenses incurred during the entirety of the representation.

4 **7. Administrative Expenses**

5 Administrative Expenses include expenses incurred by the Debtors in the ordinary course of
6 their businesses, fees owed to the Office of the United States Trustee and fees incurred by
7 professionals employed by the estate. A list of these professionals is described above.

8 The Debtors file periodic budgets indicating their actual and projected expenses, including
9 attorneys' fees. The actual amount of Administrative Expenses cannot be determined. However, the
10 bankruptcy related legal and accounting fees incurred by the Debtors through January 31, 2011 were
11 approximately \$3,605,994.00. The Debtors estimate incurring an additional \$2,550,000 in
12 bankruptcy related legal and accounting fees through June 30, 2011.

13 Of these two amounts, approximately \$4,350,000 is expected to remain unpaid on the
14 Effective Date, but the final amount of Administrative Expenses to be paid will depend on the
15 amount the Court allows for the estate professionals and the amount of the US Trustee fee, as well as
16 the amount of expenses Debtors incur in the ordinary course of business. Professionals may be
17 required to disgorge monies they have already received if the Court finds (usually in final hearings at
18 the conclusion of the case) that their fees should not be allowed or if fees are allowed in an amount
19 less than the payments already received by the professional.

20 **IX.**

21 **FACTORS PERTAINING TO RECOVERY ON CLAIMS AND INTERESTS**

22 **A. Feasibility**

23 The Bankruptcy Code provides that a plan may only be confirmed if confirmation is not
24 likely to be followed by the liquidation or the need for further financial reorganization of the debtor,
25 unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan. 11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(11). This is
26 referred to as the "feasibility" requirement. The Plans are liquidating Plans, each of which satisfies
27 the feasibility requirement.
28

1 This Disclosure Statement includes as **Exhibit 1** and **Exhibit 2** financial projections for
2 Debtors' Plan and the Committee's Plan (collectively the "Projections"). The Projections show
3 financial information for the terms of the Plans following the anticipated Effective Dates.

4 **B. Liquidation Analysis / Best Interests Test**

5 Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(7) requires that each holder of a Claim or Interest in an
6 Impaired Class either (i) vote to accept the plan, or (ii) receive or retain under the plan cash or
7 property of a value, as of the effective date of the plan, that is not less than the value such holder
8 would receive or retain if the debtor were liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.
9 This is commonly referred to as the "Best Interests Test." The Court will determine whether the
10 value received under either of the Plans by the holders of claims in each class equals or exceeds the
11 value that would be allowed to such holders in liquidation under chapter 7.

12 In a chapter 7 case, a trustee or trustees would be elected or appointed to liquidate the
13 Debtors' assets and make distributions to Creditors in accordance with the priorities set forth in the
14 Bankruptcy Code. Secured Creditors generally are paid from the proceeds of sale of the properties
15 securing their liens. If any assets are remaining after the satisfaction of Secured Claims,
16 administrative expenses generally are next to receive payments. Unsecured Claims are paid from
17 any remaining sales proceeds or other estate assets, according to their rights to priority. Unsecured
18 Claims with the same right to priority receive a *pro rata* distribution based on the amount of their
19 allowed Claim in relation to the total amount of allowed unsecured Claims with the same right to
20 priority. Subordinated unsecured Claims would be paid after unsecured Claims in a similar *pro rata*
21 process. Finally, Interest holders, including Shareholders, receive the balance that remains, if any,
22 after all Creditors are paid.

23 Thus, for the Court to confirm either of the Plans, the Court must find that all Creditors and
24 Shareholders in Impaired Classes who do not accept the plan will receive at least as much under the
25 plan as such holders would receive under a hypothetical chapter 7 liquidation.

26 The Debtors and Committee believe that confirmation of their respective Plans is the best
27 way for Creditors to receive the maximum amount of money.
28

1 Absent confirmation of either of the Plans, the likely alternative is the conversion of the
2 Cases to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. In chapter 7, the Cases would be
3 administered by a trustee, and the assets in which the Debtors have equity would be liquidated as
4 quickly as possible. The Debtors and the Committee believe that conversion to chapter 7 would be
5 detrimental to any remaining businesses of the Debtors, to virtually all of the Creditors, and would,
6 in all likelihood, wipe out the interests of ST's Shareholders. The consequences of such a
7 conversion may include:

- 8 • Foreclosure or execution upon some or all of the Debtors' assets by the DIP Lender.
- 9 • Reduced distributions to Creditors due to the lack of funding and the likelihood that
10 distressed sales by a chapter 7 trustee would yield fewer gross proceeds than a controlled liquidation
11 under either the Debtors' Plan or the Committee's Plan.
- 12 • Additional administrative costs to pay a chapter 7 trustee and any professionals that
13 the chapter 7 Trustee may retain.

14 Attached to the Disclosure Statement as **Exhibit 3** is a Liquidation Analysis with an analysis
15 of the estimated recoveries and expenses were the Debtors' cases converted to cases under chapter 7.

16 The Debtors' Plan provides for an orderly liquidation of the Reorganized Debtors' assets
17 over time. The Reorganized Debtors will not be permitted to engage in any business other than the
18 protection and maintenance of their existing assets until they can be liquidated in an orderly fashion
19 and payments can be made to existing creditors from the proceeds derived from such activities, and,
20 if there is any excess, to the shareholders. The Committee's Plan provides for an orderly liquidation
21 of the Debtors' assets through a Liquidating Trust which will operate like a Chapter 7 Trustee. The
22 Liquidating Trust will protect and maintain its assets to provide the best possible chance, within the
23 Trust's financial capabilities, to provide meaningful returns to existing creditors and shareholders.
24 The Liquidating Trustee, unlike a Chapter 7 trustee, will consult with a Board of Advisors consisting
25 of the various classes of trust beneficiaries.

26 In light of the fact that both Plans are liquidating plans designed to reduce all Debtors' assets
27 to cash for distribution to the Creditors and Shareholders, any liquidation analysis is not as
28 significant as it would be for a debtor in a chapter 11 case which reorganizes and continues with

1 business as usual. However, the Debtors and the Committee believe that an orderly liquidation will
2 allow more recovery for the Creditors and Shareholders.

3 Further, the major issues are resolved in the Plans, which are issues that would otherwise
4 increase administrative expenses in a chapter 7. For example, the Plans resolve potential disputes
5 with pre-petition lenders regarding security interests and rights of offset or recoupment of the
6 Debtors. The Plans also resolve any potential disputes between the Debtors' estates. In a chapter
7 7, the resolution of potential disputes could be time consuming and costly.

8 Both the Debtors and the Committee believe that resolutions under their respective Plans will
9 be more cost effective and efficient than the chapter 7 liquidation. Therefore, they favor
10 confirmation of either Plan over a chapter 7 liquidation. The Debtors and the Committee believe
11 their Plans meet the Best Interest Test and provide value that is not less than the value that would be
12 recovered by each holder in a proceeding under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

13 **THE LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS WAS PREPARED SOLELY TO ASSIST THE**
14 **COURT IN MAKING THE FINDINGS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 1129(a)(7) OF THE**
15 **BANKRUPTCY CODE AND MAY NOT BE USED OR RELIED UPON FOR ANY OTHER**
16 **PURPOSE.**

17 **THE DEBTORS AND THE COMMITTEE BELIEVE ANY ANALYSIS OF A**
18 **HYPOTHETICAL LIQUIDATION IS NECESSARILY SPECULATIVE. THERE ARE A**
19 **NUMBER OF ASSUMPTIONS UNDERLYING THE LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS THAT**
20 **ARE INHERENTLY SUBJECT TO SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC, COMPETITIVE AND**
21 **OPERATIONAL UNCERTAINTIES AND CONTINGENCIES BEYOND THE CONTROL**
22 **OF THE DEBTORS, THE COMMITTEE OR A CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE.**

23 **THE LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS AND THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON**
24 **WHICH IT IS BASED HAVE NOT BEEN EXAMINED OR REVIEWED BY**
25 **INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS**
26 **PROMULGATED BY THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC**
27 **ACCOUNTANTS. THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT ACTUAL RESULTS**
28 **WOULD NOT VARY MATERIALLY FROM THE HYPOTHETICAL RESULTS**

REPRESENTED IN THE LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS.

C. RISK FACTORS

The Reorganized Debtors' and/or the Liquidating Trustee's ability to perform their respective obligations under the respective Plans is subject to various factors and contingencies, some of which are described in this section. The following discussion summarizes only some material risks associated with the Plans and the Liquidating Trust, and is not exhaustive. Moreover, this section should be read in connection with the Plans and the other disclosures contained in this Disclosure Statement.

PRIOR TO VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLANS, ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS THAT ARE IMPAIRED SHOULD, WITH THEIR ADVISORS, READ AND CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE FACTORS SET FORTH HEREIN, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER INFORMATION SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE REFERENCED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND THE PLANS.

1. Bankruptcy Considerations

a. Parties in Interest May Object to the Classification of Claims and Interests

Section 1122 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a plan may place a Claim or an equity interest in a particular class only if the Claim or equity interest is substantially similar to the other Claims or equity interests in that class. The Debtors and the Committee believe that the classifications of holders of Claims against the Debtors and of the holders of Interests in the Debtors under the Plans comply with the requirements set forth in the Bankruptcy Code because the classes established under the Plans each encompass Claims or Interests that are substantially similar to similarly classified Claims or Interests. Nevertheless, there can be no assurance that the Court will reach the same conclusion.

b. Failure to Satisfy Voting Requirements

If either of the Plans receives the votes in number and amount sufficient to enable the Court to confirm either of the Plans, the Debtors or the Committee, as applicable, intend to seek, as

1 promptly as practicable thereafter, confirmation of that Plan by the Court. **A confirmation hearing**
2 **has been set for June 3, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.** In the event either of the Plans do not receive sufficient
3 votes, the Debtors or the Committee, or any of them, may seek to accomplish an alternative chapter
4 11 plan. There can be no assurance, however, that the terms of any such alternative chapter 11 plan
5 would be similar to, or as favorable to the holders of Allowed Claims as, those proposed in the
6 current proposed Plans.

7 **c. Failure to Secure Confirmation of Either of the Plans**

8 Bankruptcy Code section 1129 sets forth the requirements for confirmation of a chapter 11
9 plan, and requires the Court to make a series of specified, independent findings.

10 Even if either of the Plans receive the required votes accepting such Plan, there can be no
11 assurance that the Court will confirm that Plan. A non-accepting holder of an Allowed Claim or
12 Interest might challenge either the adequacy of this Disclosure Statement or whether the balloting
13 procedures and voting results satisfy the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules.
14 Even if the Court determined that this Disclosure Statement, the balloting procedures and voting
15 results were appropriate, the Court could still decline to confirm either of the Plans if it finds that
16 any of the statutory requirements for confirmation of the Plans are not met, including the
17 requirement that the terms of the Plans do not "unfairly discriminate" and are "fair and equitable" to
18 non-accepting Classes. If either of the Plans is not confirmed, it is unclear what distributions, if any,
19 holders of Allowed Claims would receive with respect to their Allowed Claims.

20 The Plans may be modified as necessary for confirmation of either of the Plans. Any such
21 modifications could result in a less favorable treatment of any non-accepting Class, as well as of any
22 Classes junior to such non-accepting Class, than the treatment currently provided in the Plans. Such a
23 less favorable treatment could include a distribution of property to the Class affected by the
24 modification of a lesser value than currently provided in the Plans or no distribution of property
25 whatsoever under the Plans.

26 **d. Non-Consensual Confirmation**

27 In the event that any impaired class of Claims does not accept a chapter 11 plan, a Court may
28 nevertheless confirm the plan under the procedure for non-consensual confirmation described in

1 Section VI of this Disclosure Statement. The Debtors and Committee believe their respective Plans
 2 satisfy the requirements for non-consensual confirmation, although each reserve the right to assert
 3 that the other's Plan fails to meet these requirements. There can be no assurance that the Court will
 4 rule that either plan meets these requirements.

5 **e. Objections to Amount or Classification of a Claim or Interest**

6 Except as otherwise provided in the Plans, the Debtors, the Committee, the Reorganized
 7 Debtors and the Liquidating Trust, as applicable, reserve the right to object to the amount or
 8 classification of any Claim or Interest. The estimates set forth in this Disclosure Statement cannot
 9 be relied on by any holder of a Claim or Interest against the Debtors.

10 **f. The Effective Date Might Not Occur**

11 Even if the Court confirms one of the Plans, that Plan shall not become binding until the
 12 Effective Date occurs. The Effective Date of each of the Plans is set forth in Section I.A. of that
 13 plan. While there can be no assurances as to when exactly the Effective Date will occur, based on
 14 the current circumstances of the Cases, the Debtors and the Committee will both work diligently to
 15 facilitate as early an Effective Date as possible. However, it is unlikely that under either Plan the
 16 Effective Date will occur earlier than thirty (30) days following the Confirmation Date.

17 **2. Other Risk Factors**

18 **a. Recent Dislocation in the Financial Markets and Deterioration of the**
 19 **Mortgage Lending and Financing Industries**

20 The recent disruption within the financial markets has produced dramatic risks for the
 21 economy. The real estate market and the Reorganized Debtors' or the Liquidating Trust's, as
 22 applicable, ability to liquidate Debtors' assets and to obtain any needed financing will continue to be
 23 profoundly affected by the economic crisis in ways that cannot be estimated or predicted.

24 **b. The Reorganized Debtors or the Liquidating Trust May Not be Able to**
 25 **Meet Post Reorganization Debt Obligations and Operational Needs**

26 The Reorganized Debtors' or the Liquidating Trust's, as applicable, ability to service its debt
 27 obligations as they come due and meet operational needs after the Effective Date will depend, in
 28 part, on future performance and market conditions. If the Reorganized Debtors' or the Liquidating

1 Trust, as applicable, is unable to service their debt obligations and operational needs, this may
2 preclude the Reorganized Debtors or the Liquidating Trust, as applicable from fulfilling its post-
3 reorganization liquidation plan, which could adversely affect creditor recoveries.

4 **D. Securities Law Matters Under The Committee's Plan**

5 The securities law considerations detailed below pertain to the issuance of the Trust
6 Certificates under the Committee's Plan. The following discussion relates to certain securities laws
7 that restrict transfers of the Trust Certificates and that may be applicable to transfers of the Trust
8 Certificates subsequent to their issuance under the Committee's Plan.

9 The Liquidating Trust does not intend to file a registration statement under the Securities Act
10 or any other federal or state securities laws with respect to the issuance or resale of any of the Trust
11 Certificates. To the extent set forth herein, the Liquidating Trust will rely on Bankruptcy Code
12 section 1145(a) to exempt the offer, sale and issuance of the Trust Certificates pursuant to the
13 Committee's Plan from registration under the Securities Act and any applicable state securities law.
14 Generally, Bankruptcy Code section 1145(a)(1) exempts the offer and sale of securities pursuant to a
15 plan of reorganization from such registration requirements if the following conditions are satisfied:
16 (i) the securities are issued by a debtor (or its affiliate or successor) under a plan of reorganization,
17 (ii) the recipients of the securities hold a Claim against, an Interest in, or a Claim for an
18 administrative expense against, the Debtor, and (iii) the securities are issued entirely in exchange for
19 the recipient's Claim against, or Interest in, the Debtor, or are issued "principally" in such exchange
20 and "partly for cash or property." Here, pursuant to the Committee's Plan, (i) the Trust Certificates
21 and other securities are being issued by the Liquidating Trust under the Committee's Plan, (ii) the
22 recipients of these securities hold Claims against or Interests in the Debtor, and (iii) these securities
23 are being issued entirely in exchange for the recipients' Claims against the Debtor.

24 There is no public market for the Trust Certificates, and none is expected to develop in the
25 foreseeable future. Recipients of the Trust Certificates should be prepared to hold the Trust
26 Certificates for an indefinite period of time and must be able to afford the complete loss of their
27 investment.
28

1 In principal, *in the event that a public market for the Trust Certificates develops*, the Trust
2 Certificates distributed under the Committee's Plan may be eligible for resale by the holders thereof
3 pursuant to an exemption provided under Bankruptcy Code section 1145, except for holders of such
4 certificates that may be deemed to be an "underwriter" (as defined in Bankruptcy Code
5 section 1145(b)(1)) with respect to the Trust Certificates. Generally, Bankruptcy Code
6 section 1145(b)(1) defines an "underwriter" as any person who (i) purchases a Claim against, or an
7 Interest in, a Debtor with a view toward distribution of any security to be received in exchange for
8 such Claim or interest, (ii) offers to sell securities issued pursuant to a bankruptcy plan for the
9 holders of such securities, (iii) offers to buy securities issued pursuant to a bankruptcy plan from
10 persons receiving such securities, if the offer to buy is made with a view toward distribution of such
11 securities, or (iv) is an issuer within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act.
12 Section 2(11) of the Securities Act provides that the term "issuer" includes all persons who, directly
13 or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, control, or are controlled by, or are under common
14 control with, an issuer of securities. Under Rule 405 of Regulation C under the Securities Act, the
15 term "control" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction
16 of the management and policies of a person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by
17 contract, or otherwise. Accordingly, the Liquidating Trustee, or any member of the Board of
18 Advisors of the Liquidating Trust may be deemed to "control" the Trust (and therefore be an
19 underwriter for purposes of Bankruptcy Code section 1145), particularly if such management
20 position is coupled with the ownership of a significant percentage of the Trust's voting securities.

21 Holders of the Trust Certificates who are deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of
22 Bankruptcy Code section 1145(b)(1) or who may otherwise be deemed to be "underwriters" of, or to
23 exercise "control" over, the Liquidating Trust within the meaning of Rule 405 of Regulation C under
24 the Securities Act should, assuming all other conditions of Rule 144A are met, be entitled to avail
25 themselves of the safe harbor resale provisions thereof. Rule 144A, promulgated under the
26 Securities Act, provides a non-exclusive safe harbor exemption from the registration requirements of
27 the Securities Act for resale to certain "qualified institutional buyers" of securities which are not
28 securities of the same class of securities then listed on a national securities exchange (registered as

1 such under Section 6 of the Exchange Act) or quoted in a U.S. automated inter-dealer quotation
2 system (e.g., NASDAQ). Under Rule 144A, a "qualified institutional buyer" is defined to include,
3 among other persons (e.g., "dealers" registered as such pursuant to Section 15 of the Exchange Act
4 and "banks" as defined in Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act), any entity which purchases
5 securities for its own account or for the account of another qualified institutional buyer and which (in
6 the aggregate) owns and invests on a discretionary basis at least \$100,000,000 in the securities of
7 unaffiliated issuers.

8 At the Confirmation Hearing, the Committee will request that the exemption provided under
9 Bankruptcy Code section 1145 from the requirements of Section 5 of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C.
10 § 77e, and any state or local law requiring registration or qualification for the offer or sale of a
11 security, apply to the issuance by the Liquidating Trust of the Trust Certificates and the distribution
12 of such Trust Certificates pursuant to the Committee's Plan.

13 Because no public market will initially exist for the Trust Certificates and may never be
14 developed, and because of the complex, subjective nature of the question of whether a particular
15 person may be an underwriter, the Committee makes no representation concerning the ability of any
16 person to dispose of the Trust Certificates. Therefore, a recipient of Trust Certificates should consult
17 with legal counsel concerning the eventual disposition of the Trust Certificates.

18 **E. Securities Law Matters Under Debtors' Plan**

19 There are several securities law considerations detailed pertaining to the Debtors' Plan. The
20 first is with regard to the cancellation of equity interests in ST held by the Shareholders under the
21 Debtors' Plan. The second is with regard to issuance of new shares under the Debtors' Plan.

22 On the Effective Date under Debtors' Plan, all equity interests in ST held by the Shareholders
23 will be cancelled. Shareholders will retain a contract right to receive their residual distributions, if
24 any, under Debtors' Plan. This contractual right may be subject to being transferred by the
25 Shareholder. This contractual right may qualify as a security. ST, as a Reorganized Debtor, will not
26 be a reporting corporation under the Securities Exchange Act on the Effective Date, and the
27 contractual right will not be registered or listed as a national securities exchange. There will be no
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1 public market for this contractual interest and there can be no assurances that trading markets for this
2 interest will develop. In addition, even if a market develops and this interest is transferred by a
3 Shareholder, such transfer will not be eligible for the exemption provided by Bankruptcy Code
4 section 1145 discussed above.

5 The Debtors' Plan also contemplates the issuance of new shares in ST. The Reorganized
6 Debtors do not intend to file a registration statement under the Securities Act or any other federal or
7 state securities laws with respect to the issuance or resale of any of the issued shares. To the extent
8 set forth herein, the Reorganized Debtors will rely on Bankruptcy Code section 1145(a) to exempt
9 them from registration under the Securities Act and any applicable state securities laws the offer,
10 sale or issuance of the shares pursuant to the Debtors' Plan. Generally Bankruptcy Code section
11 1145(a)(1) exempts the offer and sale of securities pursuant to a plan of reorganization from such
12 registration requirements if the following conditions are satisfied: (i) the securities are issued by a
13 debtor (or its affiliate or successor) under a plan of reorganization, (ii) the recipients of the securities
14 hold a Claim against, an Interest in, or a Claim for an administrative expense against, the Debtor,
15 and (iii) the securities are issued entirely in exchange for the recipient's Claim against, or Interest in,
16 the Debtor, or are issued "principally" in such exchange and "partly for cash or property." Here,
17 pursuant to the Debtors' Plan, (i) the shares are being issued by the reorganized ST under the
18 Debtors' Plan, (ii) the recipients of these securities hold Claims against or Interests in the Debtor,
19 and (iii) these securities are being issued entirely in exchange for the recipients' Claims against the
20 Debtors.

21 There is no public market for these shares, and none is expected to develop in the foreseeable
22 future. Recipients of the shares should be prepared to hold the shares for an indefinite period of
23 time. In principal, in the event that a public market for the shares develops, the shares distributed
24 under the Debtors' Plan may be eligible for resale by the holders thereof pursuant to an exemption
25 provided under Bankruptcy Code section 1145, except for holders of such certificates that may be
26 deemed to be an "underwriter" with respect to such shares. Generally, Bankruptcy Code section
27 1145(b)(1) defines an "underwriter" as any person who (i) purchases a Claim against, or an Interest
28 in, a Debtor with a view toward distribution of any security to be received in exchange for such

1 Claim or Interest, (ii) offers to sell securities issued pursuant to a bankruptcy plan for the holders of
2 such securities, (iii) offers to buy securities issued pursuant to a bankruptcy plan from persons
3 receiving such securities, if the offer to buy is made with a view toward distribution of such
4 securities, or (iv) is an issuer within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act. Section
5 2(11) of the Securities Act provides that the term "issuer" includes all persons who, directly or
6 indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, control, or are controlled by, or are under common
7 control with, an issuer of securities. Under Rule 405 of Regulation C under the Securities Act, the
8 term "control" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction
9 of the management and policies of a person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by
10 contract, or otherwise. Accordingly, the Reorganized Debtors, or any member of the Supervisory
11 Board of the Reorganized Debtors may be deemed to "control" the Reorganized Debtors (and
12 therefore be an underwriter for purposes of Bankruptcy Code section 1145), particularly if such
13 management position is coupled with the ownership of a significant percentage of the reorganized
14 ST's voting securities.

15 Holders of shares that are deemed "underwriters" within the meaning of Bankruptcy Code
16 section 1145(b)(1) or who may otherwise be deemed to be "underwriters" of, or to exercise "control"
17 over," the reorganized ST within the meaning of Rule 405 of Regulations C under the Securities Act
18 should, assuming all other conditions of Rule 144A are met, be entitled to avail themselves under the
19 safe harbor resale provisions thereof. Rule 144A, promulgated under the Securities Act, provides a
20 non-exclusive safe harbor exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act for
21 resale of "qualified institutional buyers" Of securities which are not securities of the same class of
22 securities then listed on a national securities exchange (registered as such under Section 6 of the
23 Exchange Act) or quoted in the U.S. automated inter-dealer quotation system (e.g., NASDAQ).
24 Under Rule 144A, a "qualified institutional buyer" is defined to include, among other persons, any
25 entity which purchases securities for its own account or for the account of another qualified
26 institutional buyer and which (in the aggregate) owns and invests on a discretionary basis at least
27 \$100,000,000 in the securities of unaffiliated issuers.

28 At the Confirmation Hearing, Debtors will request that the exemption provided under

1 Bankruptcy Code section 1145 from the requirements of Section 5 of the Securities Exchange Act,
2 15 U.S.C. § 77e, and any state or local law requiring registration or qualification for the offer or sale
3 of a security, apply to the issuance by the Reorganized Debtors of the shares and the distribution of
4 such shares pursuant to the Debtors' Plan.

5 Because no public market will initially exist for the shares and may never be developed, and
6 because of the complex, subjective nature of the questions of whether a particular person may be an
7 underwriter, the Debtors make no representation concerning the ability of any person to dispose of
8 the shares. Therefore, the recipient of shares should consult with legal counsel concerning the
9 eventual disposition of the shares.

10 **F. Examination of Exit Financing Alternatives**

11 In order to fund their respective Plans, Debtors and the Committee expect to obtain exit
12 financing.

13 The Debtors plan to enter into the Northlight Exit Facility (unless a higher and better
14 proposal is submitted by another entity pursuant to the Plan Bid Procedures) upon the Effective
15 Date. Under the Northlight Exit Facility, up to \$28 million of new senior secured indebtedness will
16 be incurred to pay off US Bank's Claims at a discount, as well as the DIP Lender's interest in the
17 DIP Facility, with the balance to be used by Debtors to pay administrative expenses incurred during
18 the Cases and in connection with operations under the Debtors' Plan.

19 The Committee's Plan proposes exit financing of up to \$12 million, plus an additional \$16.5
20 million to payoff US Bank. The Committee has not yet obtained financing for either of these
21 components of the Committee's Plan. If the Committee cannot obtain financing on terms more
22 favorable than the Debtor's Northlight proposal, the Committee will withdraw its plan.

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24 **X.**
OVERVIEW OF DEBTORS' PLAN AND COMMITTEE'S PLAN

25 **A. Debtors' Plan Overview**

26 This summary describes the groundwork for the orderly liquidation of the businesses under
27 Debtors' Plan. Debtors propose to remain in business and conduct their liquidation through a
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1 reorganized corporate structure. The four Debtors In Possession will remain separate entities. ST
2 will become a Maryland C corporation. The other three Debtors will retain their current corporate
3 status.

4 In connection with the Debtors' Plan, the ST Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are being
5 amended to provide the two Creditor groups with the greatest dollar amount of unsatisfied Claims
6 following Confirmation ((a) holders of Old Secured Notes and New Secured Notes, collectively,
7 "Secured Noteholders" and (b) holders of Unsecured Notes) with voting control of ST and hence
8 control of the Reorganized Debtors. New Class A shares will be issued to the Secured Noteholders
9 and new Class B shares will be issued to the Unsecured Notes. The holders of the Class A and Class
10 B shares will not be entitled to distributions from ST on account of those shares, separate from the
11 distributions to which they are entitled by reason of their status as creditors.

12 The Board of Directors shall be initially composed of five (5) members designated in the
13 amended Articles who shall hold office until their successors are duly chosen and qualified. The
14 directors shall be divided into five Classes, designated Class 1A, Class 1B, Class 2A, Class 2B and
15 Class 3. The Class 1A and 2A directors shall be elected by the holders of the Class A Shares. The
16 Class 1B and 2B directors shall be elected by the holders of the Class B shares. The Class 3 director
17 shall be elected by a vote of all stockholders. The term of the initial Class 1 directors shall terminate
18 on the date of the annual meeting of stockholders held in 2012. The term of the initial Class 2 and
19 Class 3 directors shall terminate on the date of the annual meeting of stockholders held in 2013. At
20 each annual meeting of the stockholders beginning in 2012, successors to the class of directors
21 whose term expires at that annual meeting shall be elected for a two-year term. At such time as all
22 Claims of the Secured Noteholders have been paid or otherwise settled, the Class A shares will be
23 cancelled and the Class 1A and 2A directors will resign from the Board of Directors.

24 Upon the Effective Date of the Debtors' Plan, all of the current outstanding shares of
25 common stock of ST will be canceled. However, under the Debtors' Plan the holders of common
26 stock will retain the right to any residual distributions from liquidation of assets after the Creditors'
27 Claims have been paid or otherwise settled, and the Northlight Exit Facility has been repaid in full.
28 Such holders' right will be according to their pro rata interest in the outstanding common stock as of

1 the date of the Effective Date.

2 **B. Committee's Plan Overview**

3 This summary describes the groundwork for the orderly liquidation of the business under the
4 Committee's Plan. The Committee's Plan transfers substantially all of the Debtors' assets (the
5 "Trust Assets") to a liquidating trust. The Liquidating Trust will be managed by a Trustee advised
6 by a Board of Advisors selected by creditors. The Board will include one advisor selected by the
7 shareholders. Critical decisions regarding the disposition of Trust assets must be approved by a vote
8 or sixty per cent (60%) of the Board (for assets other than Causes of Action) and by seventy-five per
9 cent (75%) of the Board (for the abandonment or settlement of Causes of Action). A draft of the
10 Liquidation Trust Agreement (subject to final approval by the Trustee and Board of Advisors) is
11 attached as Exhibit C to the Committee Plan.

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13 **C. The Post-Confirmation Business Plan Under the Plans**

14 The Plans contemplates that the Reorganized Debtors or the Liquidating Trustee will market
15 and sell the Debtors' assets over a period of at least four (4) years for the Debtors' Plan and five (5)
16 years for the Committee Plan or more if reasonably necessary to maximize the return to the Creditors
17 and, ultimately, to ST's Shareholders. If the Debtors' Plan is confirmed, the Reorganized Debtors
18 will not be permitted to engage in any business other than the protection and maintenance of their
19 existing assets until they can be liquidated in an orderly fashion and payments can be made to
20 existing creditors and shareholders from the proceeds derived from such activities. The Committee's
21 Plan contemplates that the Debtors' and the Estates' assets, including Causes of Action, will be
22 transferred to the Liquidating Trust for orderly liquidation over a period of five years or more if
23 reasonably necessary. The Trust, with the assistance of a Board of Advisors representing the various
24 classes of creditors and interest holders, will market and sell the Trust Assets, using funds provided
25 by an Exit Facility and sale of Trust Assets, in a prudent and businesslike manner in order to
26 maximize the return to the Creditors and, ultimately, perhaps, to ST's Shareholders.

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1 ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT 4 AND EXHIBIT 5 ARE DESCRIPTIONS OF
2 CERTAIN OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEBTORS' PLAN AND THE COMMITTEE'S
3 PLAN. THESE SUMMARIES SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
4 REMAINDER OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. THE ATTACHED SUMMARIES
5 ARE QUALIFIED IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY THE ACTUAL TERMS OF THE PLANS. IN
6 THE EVENT OF ANY CONFLICT, THE TERMS OF THE RESPECTIVE PLANS WILL
7 CONTROL OVER ANY SUMMARY ATTACHED HERETO.

8 THE PLANS CONTAIN SEPARATE CLASSES FOR EACH HOLDER OF A
9 CLAIM. HOWEVER, CERTAIN CLASSES MAY BE TREATED THE SAME UNDER
10 THE PLANS. FOR INSTANCE, THE CLASSES OF UNSECURED CREDITORS ARE
11 TREATED THE SAME UNDER THE PLANS. THE HOLDERS OF ANY CLAIM SHOULD
12 CONSULT EACH PLAN TO DETERMINE THEIR TREATMENT. A COMPARISON OF
13 THE DEBTORS' PLAN AND THE COMMITTEE'S PLAN IS ATTACHED HERETO AS
14 EXHIBIT 6.

15 THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DISCUSSES THE PLANS, INCLUDING THE
16 TAX CONSEQUENCES OF EACH OF THE PLANS IN GREATER DETAIL. THIS
17 SUMMARY IS QUALIFIED BY THE EXPRESS TERMS OF EACH PLAN.

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19 XI.

20 ALTERNATIVES TO CONFIRMATION AND CONSUMMATION OF THE PLANS

21 IF EITHER OF THE PLANS DESCRIBED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS
22 NOT CONFIRMED OR THE EFFECTIVE DATE DOES NOT OCCUR, THE DEBTORS
23 OR THE COMMITTEE (OR ANY OTHER PARTY IN INTEREST) COULD ATTEMPT TO
24 FORMULATE A DIFFERENT PLAN. SUCH A PLAN COULD POTENTIALLY INVOLVE
25 A REORGANIZATION AND CONTINUATION OF THE DEBTORS' BUSINESSES, OR AN
26 ORDERLY LIQUIDATION OF THE ASSETS OF THE ESTATES. DURING THE CASE,
27 THE DEBTORS AND THE COMMITTEE EXPLORED VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES IN
28 CONNECTION WITH THE FORMULATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLANS

1 DESCRIBED HEREIN. IN ADDITION, IF EITHER OF THE PLANS IS NOT
2 CONFIRMED OR THE EFFECTIVE DATE DOES NOT OCCUR, THE CASES MAY BE
3 CONVERTED TO CASES UNDER CHAPTER 7 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE.

4 XII.

5 TAX CONSEQUENCES

6 The following are summaries of certain United States federal income tax consequences
7 expected to result from the implementation of the Plans.¹² These discussions do not apply to
8 Creditors or Shareholders that are not "United States persons" (as such term is defined in the Internal
9 Revenue Code) or that are otherwise subject to special treatment under United States federal income
10 tax laws. These discussions are based on the Tax Code, as in effect on the date of this Disclosure
11 Statement and on U.S. Treasury Regulations in effect (or in certain cases, proposed) on the date of
12 this Disclosure Statement, as well as judicial and administrative interpretations thereof available on
13 or before such date. All of the discussion is subject to change, which change could apply
14 retroactively and could affect the tax consequences described below. There can be no assurance that
15 the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") will not take a contrary view with respect to one or more of
16 the issues discussed below, and no opinion of counsel or ruling from the IRS has been or will be
17 sought with respect to any issues which may arise under the Plan.

18 THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIES ARE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES
19 ONLY AND ARE NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR CAREFUL TAX PLANNING AND ADVICE
20 BASED UPON THE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO A CREDITOR
21 OR SHAREHOLDER. BECAUSE NO OPINION OF COUNSEL OR RULING FROM THE
22 IRS HAS BEEN OR WILL BE SOUGHT, THERE COULD BE ADVERSE TAX
23 CONSEQUENCES NOT DISCLOSED OR DISCUSSED HEREIN. ALL CREDITORS AND
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25 ¹²This discussion is not intended to and does not address state law tax issues. ST, like the vast majority of REITs, was
26 incorporated in Maryland due to that state's favorable corporation laws as applied to REIT operations. ST would remain
27 a Maryland corporation after confirmation under the Debtors' Plan. There would be no apparent reason to change the
28 state of incorporation. ST does not pay tax in Maryland (just a nominal annual report filing fee) because it has no
property in that state. State taxation generally depends on the source of income. States can vary regarding how they
determine income source and the extent to which they adopt federal tax laws in calculating taxable income.

1 SHAREHOLDERS ARE, THEREFORE, URGED TO CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN TAX
2 ADVISORS FOR THE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES
3 APPLICABLE UNDER THE PLANS.

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5 **INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CIRCULAR 230 DISCLOSURE**

6 PURSUANT TO INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CIRCULAR 230, WE HEREBY
7 INFORM YOU THAT THE DESCRIPTION SET FORTH HEREIN WITH RESPECT TO
8 U.S. FEDERAL TAX ISSUES WAS NOT INTENDED OR WRITTEN TO BE USED, AND
9 SUCH DESCRIPTION CANNOT BE USED, BY ANY TAXPAYER FOR THE PURPOSE OF
10 AVOIDING ANY PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE TAXPAYER UNDER
11 THE U.S. TAX CODE. THIS DESCRIPTION IS LIMITED TO THE U.S. FEDERAL TAX
12 ISSUES DESCRIBED HEREIN. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ADDITIONAL ISSUES MAY
13 EXIST THAT COULD AFFECT THE U.S. FEDERAL TAX TREATMENT OF THE
14 MATTER THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE DESCRIPTION NOTED HEREIN, AND THIS
15 DESCRIPTION DOES NOT CONSIDER OR PROVIDE ANY CONCLUSIONS WITH
16 RESPECT TO ANY SUCH ADDITIONAL ISSUES. TAXPAYERS SHOULD SEEK
17 ADVICE BASED ON THE TAXPAYER'S PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM AN
18 INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISOR.

19 **A. Tax Consequences of Debtors' Plan**

20 The Debtors' Plan does not involve a current liquidation of ST for income tax purposes even
21 through it provides for selling assets as part of an orderly liquidation. For income tax purposes, ST
22 would continue its operations, through (as discussed below) probably as a "C corporation" rather
23 than a real estate investment trust ("REIT"). For federal income tax purposes, ST has filed tax
24 returns as a REIT and SAC II has been treated as a Qualified REIT Subsidiary, the assets of which
25 are considered ST assets for income tax purposes. It is assumed for purposes of this discussion that
26 ST continues to be a REIT and SAC II continues to be a REIT subsidiary. If ST were not a REIT, it
27 would be taxed as a C corporation and it would likely file a consolidated return with SAC II. REIT
28 classification for income tax purposes does not affect corporate status for state corporate law

1 purposes, but deals solely with income tax matters (even though ST's articles of incorporation and
2 bylaws include REIT-related restrictions and requirements).

3 A REIT is generally taxed as a C corporation, except that it is a modified conduit with
4 respect to its taxable income. C corporations do not receive a tax deduction for dividends they pay
5 to shareholders. In contrast, REITs receive a deduction for certain qualifying dividends they pay.
6 The deduction reduces the potential for double taxation on the REIT's income. This special tax
7 treatment can be valuable for a profitable REIT but less valuable (or even irrelevant) for a REIT that
8 operates at a loss or can offset income against net operating losses ("NOL") or capital losses. As
9 with a C corporation, the NOLs or capital losses of a REIT do not flow through to shareholders but
10 remain at the company level and are subject to certain carry forward and carry back rules. ST had a
11 NOLs in 2009 and 2010 for income tax purposes. ST management estimates that no asset is
12 currently expected to produce a net sales price in excess of its tax basis. Because income tax gain or
13 loss generally equals the amount realized from an asset sale minus the asset's adjusted tax basis, ST
14 management believes that no asset sales pursuant to the Debtors' Plan would generate taxable gain.

15 The reduction of the US Bank claim by \$12,815,000 (from \$29,315,000 to \$16,500,000)
16 would normally produce \$12,815,000 of cancellation of debt ("COD") income that would be gross
17 income for income tax purposes. A chapter 11 debtor may exclude COD income from gross income,
18 but this comes at the cost of reducing certain tax attributes, such as NOLs carry forward amounts and
19 tax basis. Because it is anticipated that the ST NOL carry forward amount will exceed the COD
20 income that would result from the US Bank debt reduction, that debt reduction is still projected to
21 leave NOL carry forward amounts that would not be used except to the extent required to offset an
22 unexpected gain on an asset sale.

23 If there were a potential for ultimate gains and distributions to shareholders, that would
24 otherwise be one reason for ST to maintain its REIT status if possible. But maintaining that election
25 might not be possible, or at least not feasible. In order to retain its REIT status, ST must meet
26 certain requirements regarding the nature of its assets, the nature of its gross income, and the
27 distribution of its taxable income. During the course of liquidating assets as part of the Debtors'
28 Plan, ST could become what is commonly known as a "dealer" with respect to the assets sold.

1 Those assets would then be considered inventory held for sale rather than assets held for investment
2 or use in the trade or business. A REIT's sale of dealer property can cause the REIT to fail the gross
3 income percentage requirements and in some cases can result in an excise tax. These potential
4 problems can often be avoided with a special election with respect to property a REIT acquires in a
5 foreclosure (or pursuant to a deed in lieu of foreclosure), but not with respect to property it acquired
6 in other ways. ST could avoid the potential excise tax by revoking its REIT election and becoming a
7 C corporation for income tax purposes effective January 1, 2012. The disadvantage to the
8 revocation is that in the event asset values rebound sufficiently that ST can both pay off Claims and
9 make distributions to shareholders, it could not elect to again become a REIT during Debtors' Plan
10 period. Because it is not likely that ST will ultimately be able to sell assets at a taxable gain or make
11 significant shareholder distributions, and to eliminate the potential excise tax on dealer sales, it is
12 likely that ST will revoke its REIT election.

13 The revocation of REIT status would not be projected to have a material impact on ST's
14 federal tax liability. It would cause SAC II to lose its status as a disregarded entity for income tax
15 purposes (even though it would remain a legal subsidiary under applicable state law). For income
16 tax purposes, ST would then be deemed to have contributed the SAC II assets to SAC II (and thus a
17 separate subsidiary corporation would then exist for both state law and tax law purposes). As a
18 general rule, such a contribution of assets to a wholly-owned corporation is a tax-free transaction.
19 However, the transferor will recognize gain to the extent the liabilities to which the transferred assets
20 are subject exceed the aggregate tax basis of those assets. ST's basis in its SAC II stock would equal
21 its basis in the transferred assets, increased by any such gain recognized. Even if there were such
22 gain in this instance, ST should be able to trigger a loss through an actual liquidation of SAC II.
23 That loss should equal or exceed any such gain from the deemed incorporation. The loss would
24 equal the market value of the SAC II assets ST receives in the liquidation, minus ST's basis in its
25 SAC II's stock (after adjustment for the gain recognition transaction). Because it is believed and
26 assumed that all ST assets (including the assets of SAC II it is deemed to own for income tax
27 purposes) currently have basis and are subject to liabilities in excess of value, the loss on liquidation
28 should be no less than the prior gain on deemed incorporation. Although the liquidation of a wholly-

1 owned corporate subsidiary normally does not result in tax loss recognition, IRS rulings have
2 concluded that the normal tax-free liquidation provisions do not apply when the liabilities of the
3 subsidiary exceed the market value of its assets.

4 If the Debtors' Plan as currently proposed is confirmed, the stock currently held by
5 Shareholders will be cancelled and new stock will be issued to the Creditors. This process will occur
6 in order to vest management of ST in the hands of the Creditors - those most likely to be impacted
7 by future management decisions. In other words, this process is intended to resolve corporate
8 governance issues rather than impact the economic situations of the Creditors and Shareholders. The
9 debt would remain in place rather than be exchanged for equity. Also, in the unlikely event asset
10 sales produce sufficient proceeds to pay off all debts, the existing Shareholders rather than the
11 Creditors would receive the residual proceeds. Because the Debtors' Plan would not involve an
12 exchange of debt for equity from a economic perspective, it should not be considered a true
13 recapitalization under the tax free reorganization provisions. Also, it should not produce a change in
14 ownership that limits the future use of NOL carry forward amounts. It is useful, however, to analyze
15 the likely tax results under different potential ways of viewing the plan of reorganization.
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18 ST's issuance of stock to Creditors would not be a taxable event to ST within or outside the
19 tax-free reorganization context. Similarly, whether the existing Shareholders claim a loss on stock
20 they deem worthless (or whether they should already have done so) would not turn on whether the
21 transaction is a tax-free reorganization but would depend on the facts and circumstances to be
22 addressed by their tax advisors. For instance, the cancellation of stock and issuance of new stock
23 done for corporate governance purposes and which does not have economic significance is not an
24 event triggering a loss; instead, whether or when a loss occurs turns on all of the facts and
25 circumstances, and a loss can be proper even in a year before a bankruptcy filing. The basic rule is
26 that the taxpayer has the burden of proving that securities became worthless during the year (but the
27 taxpayer cannot simply ignore worthlessness and can later be foreclosed from claiming a deduction
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1 due to the statute of limitations). The taxpayer can carry this burden by showing (1) there is no
2 liquidation value and (2) that there is no reasonable hope and expectation there will be value in the
3 future.¹³

4 From the Creditors' perspective, in a tax-free reorganization no gain or loss would be
5 recognized on an exchange of debt securities for stock, but gain or loss could be recognized on an
6 exchange of non-securities debt for stock. Outside the reorganization context (i.e., assuming there is
7 no true issuance of new equity), whether the Creditors could claim a deduction for a partially
8 worthless security or debt would depend on the facts and circumstances to be addressed by their tax
9 advisors.
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11 A corporation's NOL carryforward amounts can be greatly limited after a change of equity
12 control. As indicated above, the cancellation of existing stock and issuance of new stock for
13 corporate governance purposes should not be considered a true change of control in terms of equity
14 ownership. If it were, however, the transaction could limit ST's future use of existing NOL
15 carryforward amounts. The Internal Revenue Code exempts certain bankruptcy changes of control
16 from these NOL limitations, but the exemption is very narrow and subject to limitations. Even
17 without the exemption, however, it is still likely ST could elect to close its books for tax purposes as
18 of the change in control and, through that process, preserve then existing NOL carryforward amounts
19 to offset COD income.
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23 **B. Tax Consequences of Committee's Plan**

24 The following discussion is a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences
25 expected to result from the implementation of the Committee's Plan. This discussion is based on the
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28 ¹³ *Delk v. Commissioner*, 113 F. 3rd 984 (9th Cir. 1997) (Securities may not be considered worthless, even when they
have no liquidating value, if there is a reasonable hope and expectation that they will become valuable in the future).

1 Tax Code, as in effect on the date of this Disclosure Statement and on U.S. Treasury Regulations in
2 effect (or in certain cases, proposed) on the date of this Disclosure Statement, as well as judicial and
3 administrative interpretations thereof available on or before such date. All of the discussion is
4 subject to change, which change could apply retroactively and could affect the tax consequences
5 described below. There can be no assurance that the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") will not
6 take a contrary view with respect to one or more of the issues discussed below, and no opinion of
7 counsel or ruling from the IRS has been or will be sought with respect to any issues which may arise
8 under the Plan.

9 Upon the liquidation of ST (transfer of assets to a liquidating trust) all of its tax attributes
10 will be lost. Thus, any net operating loss carry forwards (approximately \$10 million at the end of
11 2009) will no longer be available to offset any gain on the sale of assets by the Liquidating Trust if
12 values recover.

13 Upon the liquidation of ST, any gain or loss with respect to its assets will be recognized
14 based on "current" fair market value. Thus, for example, if there are loan reserves or impairment
15 losses for financial accounting purposes, these "built in losses" which have yet to be recognized for
16 tax purposes by ST will be recognized as a consequence of the liquidation of ST.

17 For federal income tax purposes, a transfer of assets to the Liquidating Trust for the benefit
18 of holders of Allowed Claims is treated as a transfer of assets to such holders to the extent that such
19 holders are beneficiaries of the Liquidating Trust. The transfer will be treated as a deemed transfer to
20 such holders followed by a deemed transfer by such holders to the Liquidating Trust. Such holders
21 will be treated as the grantors and deemed owners of the Liquidating Trust. The Debtors and
22 Liquidating Trustee shall jointly determine the valuations of the transferred property by the
23 Liquidating Trustee. Such valuations shall be binding on the beneficiaries of the Liquidating Trust,
24 and must be used for all federal income tax purposes.

25 While it would appear that ST's secured creditors will not be deemed to have received the
26 encumbered property in satisfaction of their indebtedness, the tax treatment of the under- secured
27 and unsecured creditors of ST is unclear. There is a risk that the transfer of assets to the Liquidating
28 Trust may be treated as a transfer of the non-encumbered assets of ST to its under-secured or

1 unsecured creditors in satisfaction of their indebtedness and a transfer of such assets to the
2 liquidating trust in exchange for interests in the trust. Thus, the transfer of assets to the Liquidating
3 Trust will require these creditors to recognize a gain or loss upon the formation of the trust. A
4 creditor who acquired the indebtedness after the date of issuance could, depending on the price paid,
5 recognize a gain.

6 To the extent the transfer of assets to the Liquidating Trust is treated as a transfer of non-
7 encumbered assets to under-secured or unsecured creditors, such assets will take a tax basis equal to
8 their fair market value.

9 If the fair market value of ST's assets exceeds the amount of its indebtedness, ST's
10 shareholders will be treated as having received such excess value in redemption of their stock. Thus,
11 the shareholders will recognize capital gain or loss. If the fair market value of such assets is less than
12 ST's indebtedness, ST's shareholders would only be entitled to claim a loss with respect to their
13 stock if such stock is "worthless" under applicable tax law which generally denies a loss if there is a
14 possibility that the shareholders will receive anything for their stock.

15 Under applicable tax law, the Liquidating Trust will be treated as a grantor trust. As such, the
16 trust will not be a tax paying entity and taxable income of the Liquidating Trust may have to be
17 reported by the under-secured or unsecured creditor and shareholder beneficiaries of the trust. It is
18 unclear whether the Liquidating Trust can elect the cash or accrual method of accounting since it is
19 not technically a "taxpayer." If the Liquidating Trust cannot select a method of accounting, taxable
20 income of the trust may have to be reported by each beneficiary under their own method of
21 accounting. Thus, it is possible that beneficiaries of the Liquidating Trust that use the accrual
22 method of accounting may be required to report taxable income without cash to pay any resulting tax
23 where cash is used in whole or in part for payment on the secured indebtedness.

24 If the Liquidating Trust were to buy secured indebtedness at less than its face amount, the
25 beneficiaries of the trust would have to report any cancellation of indebtedness upon the buy back as
26 taxable income.

27 The preceding summary is for general information only and discusses certain U.S. federal
28 income tax consequences of a Plan to the Debtor, the "U.S. Holders" of Allowed Claims, and the

1 U.S. Holders of Trust Certificates and the notes (the "Notes") issued as a result of the Plan. For
2 purposes of this summary, a "U.S. Holder" is a beneficial owner of the Allowed Claims, Trust
3 Certificates or Notes that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is: (a) an individual who is a citizen
4 or resident of the United States; (b) a corporation (or other business entity treated as a corporation)
5 created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof (including the
6 District of Columbia); (c) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation
7 regardless of its source; or (d) a trust if such trust validly elects to be treated as a United States
8 person for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or if (I) a court within the United States is able to
9 exercise primary supervision over its administration and (II) one or more United States persons have
10 the authority to control all of the substantial decisions of such trust.

11 This summary does not purport to address all of the U.S. federal income tax consequences
12 that may be applicable to any particular holder. The tax treatment of a U.S. Holder of Allowed
13 Claims and U.S. Holders of the Trust Certificates and Notes, as the case may be, may vary
14 depending upon such holder's particular situation. The discussion does not address state, local or
15 foreign tax considerations that may be applicable to a Debtor and the U.S. Holders of Allowed
16 Claims, Trust Certificates or Notes. The discussion also does not address tax considerations as a
17 result of entering into the Exit Facility. This summary does not address tax considerations
18 applicable to holders that may be subject to special tax rules, such as financial institutions, insurance
19 companies, real estate investment trusts, regulated investment companies, grantor trusts, dealers or
20 traders in securities or currencies, tax-exempt entities, persons that hold an equity interest or a
21 security in a Debtor as a position in a "straddle" or as part of a "hedging," "conversion" or
22 "integrated" transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes, persons that have a "functional
23 currency" other than the U.S. dollar, persons who acquired an equity interest or a security in a
24 Debtor in connection with the performance of services and persons who are not U.S. Holders.

25 If a partnership (or any other entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax
26 purposes) holds Allowed Claims, Trust Certificates or Notes, the tax treatment of a partner in such
27 partnership generally will depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership.
28 Any such partner should consult its tax advisor as to its tax consequences.

1 **C. Consultation with Tax Advisors**

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3 **THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE**
4 **PLANS ARE COMPLEX. THE ABOVE SUMMARIES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR**
5 **INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND DO NOT DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF**
6 **UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION THAT MAY BE RELEVANT TO A**
7 **PARTICULAR CREDITOR OR SHAREHOLDER IN LIGHT OF SUCH CREDITOR OR**
8 **SHAREHOLDER'S CIRCUMSTANCES AND INCOME TAX SITUATION. ALL**
9 **HOLDERS OF ALLOWED CLAIMS, TRUST CERTIFICATES OR NOTES ARE URGED**
10 **TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO THE U.S. FEDERAL,**
11 **STATE, LOCAL OR FOREIGN TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF**
12 **THE PLANS.**

13 **XIII.**

14 **RECOMMENDATION AND CONCLUSION**

15 The Debtors and the CRO believe that confirmation and implementation of Debtors' Plan
16 are preferable to any alternatives available to Creditors and Shareholders and results in the greatest
17 recovery for the greatest number of constituents under the circumstances. Accordingly, the
18 Debtors and CRO submit that confirmation of the Debtors' Plan should be supported by Creditors
19 and Shareholders as the most favorable alternative.

20 The Committee believes that confirmation and implementation of the Committee's Plan are
21 preferable to any alternatives available to Creditors and Shareholders and results in the greatest
22 recovery for the greatest number of constituents under the circumstances. Accordingly, the
23 Committee submits that confirmation of the Committee's Plan should be supported by Creditors as
24 the most favorable alternative.

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1 Creditors and Shareholders entitled to vote on the Plans may vote to accept (or reject) both
2 Plans. If a Creditor or Shareholder votes to accept both the Debtors' Plan and the Committee's
3 Plan, the Creditor or Shareholder may indicate whether it prefers the Debtors' Plan or the
4 Committee's Plan.

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Exhibit 1

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FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

UNDERLYING THE PROJECTIONS ARE NUMEROUS ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS THAT, ALTHOUGH DEVELOPED AND CONSIDERED REASONABLE BY THE DEBTORS, ARE INHERENTLY SUBJECT TO SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS, ECONOMIC, REGULATORY AND COMPETITIVE UNCERTAINTIES AND CONTINGENCIES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE DEBTORS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISORS. ACCORDINGLY, THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT THE VALUES REFLECTED IN THE PROJECTIONS WILL BE REALIZED AND ACTUAL RESULTS COULD MATERIALLY DIFFER FROM THE RESULTS SET FORTH HEREIN. FURTHERMORE, THE PLAN CONTEMPLATES THE UTILIZATION OF A NEW ASSET MANAGER TO OVERSEE THE MANAGEMENT AND RESOLUTION OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSETS THAT MAY RESULT IN MATERIAL DEVIATIONS FROM THE PROJECTIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS PROVIDED BELOW.

Methodology & Key Assumptions

1. *Methodology.* Management has developed financial projections (the "Projections") for the Debtors' continued business operations upon emergence from chapter 11 through the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. "Upside Case," "Base Case" and "Downside Case" versions of the Projections were prepared by management, with consultation from its investment banker, based on its views of the marketplace, as well as based on a number of assumptions with regard to the future performance of the Debtors, the real estate markets generally in which the Debtors operate, and based upon certain third party appraisals, as well as recent broker's opinion of value. The valuations used to prepare each of the Debtors' base case projections do not exceed the values set forth in any appraisals that were consulted for the purpose of arriving at those valuations, but do exceed most of the broker's opinion of value, which opinions were provided by Northlight, so the Debtors do not give those much credibility. In addition, management has created "Upside Case," "Base Case" and "Downside Case" Projections which reflect a scenario in which the collateral of the Secured Noteholders (Deutsche Bank) is not included. Management prepared the Projections in good faith and believes the assumptions are reasonable.

The Projections were not prepared with a view toward compliance with the guidelines established by The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the practices recognized to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or the rules and regulations of the SEC regarding projections. Furthermore, the Projections have not been audited by the Debtors' independent accountants or tax advisors. Rather, the Projections reflect the forecasted cash flows of the business as such receipts and disbursements are projected to be realized by the Company.

2. *Projection Period.* The Projections were prepared by management for the fiscal years 2011 through 2015 (the "Projection Period"). The Debtors operate on a fiscal year ending December 31st.
3. *Plan Consummation.* The Projections assume the Plan will be confirmed and consummated and that the Debtors will emerge from chapter 11 on or about June 1, 2011.
4. *Macroeconomic and Market Conditions.* The Projections assume an increasingly stable to slowly improving macroeconomic environment and similar conditions within the markets in which the Debtors operate. The Projections contemplate a modest recovery in land and related real estate asset values in the Debtors' markets over the Projection Period.

5. *Loan Repayments and Asset Sales.* The Projections assume that, except where Secured Noteholders (Deutsche Bank) collateral is explicitly excluded, the repayment of all loans and the sale of all real estate owned ("REO") in the Debtors' portfolio occurs over the Projection Period. It is assumed that the Debtors will incur selling expenses equal to 10% of gross proceeds realized from REO assets to account for commissions, closing costs and other expenses typically borne by sellers. Net proceeds from loan repayments and asset sales, after all applicable costs, are utilized to repay the exit facility.
6. *Other Income.* Other income generated from the portfolio includes rental and farm income from certain REO properties.
7. *Interest Income.* Includes cash interest and fees received from certain performing or partially performing loans.
8. *Cash Interest Expense.* The Projections include payment of partial cash interest on the Exit Facility at a rate of 12.0% during the first 18 months following exit per the terms outlined in the exit term sheet.
9. *Management Fee.* The Projections include estimates of management fees required per the terms outlined in the exit term sheet.
10. *REO Carry Costs.* The Projections include certain carry costs associated with REO properties during the course of the Projection Period. These include tax, insurance, maintenance, legal, utilities, professional and appraisal expenses.
11. *General and Administrative Costs.* The Projections assume that there will be certain monthly costs necessary for the Debtors to continue limited operations. These include payroll, legal, accounting, foreclosure, and director fees and expenses.
12. *Chapter 11 Administrative Fees & Expenses.* Approximately \$1.5 million of bankruptcy fees and expenses will be paid at the Plan effective date. Pursuant to the Waterfall described below, the balance will be paid over time as assets are sold in an amount equal to the net proceeds generated from each asset sale less the reserve price of the sold asset. The Debtors believe that these costs will be paid in full prior to December 31, 2012.
13. *Incentive Fees.* The Projections include estimates of incentive fees paid to the exit lender as outlined in the exit financing term sheet. For presentation purposes, the projections split incentive fees between Northlight, as the primary lender, and, for the portion of the proposed Exit Facility that Northlight has made available for participation, to other parties interested in the facility (the "Estate Option"). In addition, for projection purposes, no distributions are made to pay incentive fees until all assets are sold.
14. *Waterfall.* The Projections assume that the proceeds from the sale of assets will be applied as follows:
 - i. to fund any costs and expenses due to Exit Facility lenders;
 - ii. to fund working capital of the Debtors;
 - iii. to fund the operating reserve pursuant to the Exit Facility term sheet;
 - iv. to fund the payment of any interest due to the Exit Facility lenders;

- v. to the extent proceeds from the sale of an asset are in excess of the corresponding release price, to fund any remaining accrued chapter 11 administrative fees and expenses not paid at exit;
- vi. to repay any outstanding Exit Facility principal;
- vii. to distribute proceeds from litigation pursued by the litigation trust, if any;
- viii. to fund the Incentive Fees; and
- ix. to distribute funds pursuant to the Plan.

15. *Tax.* Management believes that, based upon several factors including the current carrying values of assets in the Debtors' portfolio relative to projected sale prices for those assets, that it is unlikely that the Debtors will have significant tax liabilities during the Projection Period.

16. *Recovery.* Following the repayment of the Exit Facility and the sale or repayment of all assets in the Debtors' portfolio, estimates are made as to the amount of net proceeds distributable to satisfy the secured claims of the Secured Noteholders (Deutsche Bank) by aggregating proceeds which resulted from the sale or repayment of Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) collateral less an estimate of the costs associated with the resolution of these assets and incentive payments due to the Exit Lender. Following the distribution of net proceeds to satisfy the secured portion of the Secured Noteholders (Deutsche Bank) claims, the remaining distributable proceeds are applied to estimated aggregate unsecured claims. Aggregate unsecured claims include Unsecured Noteholder claims, Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) deficiency claims and an estimate of other unsecured claims. For the scenarios in which Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) collateral is excluded from the Projections, estimates of aggregate unsecured claims include a deficiency claim from Secured Noteholders (Deutsche Bank) equal to their par claim less an assumption of proceeds received from the liquidation of their collateral. For projection purposes, no distributions are made to Secured Noteholders (Deutsche Bank) or to pay incentive fees until all assets in the Debtor's portfolio have been sold. The Projections assume repayment of US Bank claims and the DIP Facility at exit as outlined in the Plan.

Upside Case Projections

Specialty Trust, Inc.
(Debtor-in-Possession)
Summary of Projected Cash Flows for the Reorganized Debtors

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Cash Flow from Operations:						
Net Loan Repayments / Asset Sales	\$ 4,306,000	\$ 36,308,935	\$ 22,096,375	\$ 14,580,000	\$ 27,149,457	\$ 104,440,767
Interest Income	276,941	399,543	120,459	67,224	-	864,168
Other Income	12,140	43,540	18,333	-	-	74,013
Cash Interest Expense	(1,558,128)	(3,156,501)	-	-	-	(4,714,629)
Management & Servicing Fees	(691,211)	(1,090,588)	(767,190)	(675,833)	(551,379)	(3,776,202)
REO Carry Costs	(872,794)	(730,845)	(452,589)	(316,600)	(99,092)	(2,471,919)
General and Administrative	(676,834)	(184,720)	(188,795)	(192,994)	(197,320)	(1,440,662)
Chapter 11 Fees & Expenses	(3,556,192)	-	-	-	-	(3,556,192)
Cash Available / (Required) for Debt Repayment	\$ (2,760,078)	\$ 31,589,365	\$ 20,826,593	\$ 13,461,797	\$ 26,301,666	\$ 89,419,344
Secured Lender Repayments at Exit	(20,000,000)	-	-	-	-	(20,000,000)
Exit Facility Draws / (Repayments)	22,760,078	(25,099,892)	-	-	-	(2,339,815)
Incentive Fees - Exit Lender	-	-	-	-	(17,657,006)	(17,657,006)
Incentive Fees - Exit Lender (Estate Option)	-	-	-	-	(17,657,006)	(17,657,006)
Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) Repayments	-	-	-	-	(6,318,918)	(6,318,918)
Total Change in Cash	\$ (0)	\$ 6,489,473	\$ 20,826,593	\$ 13,461,797	\$ (15,331,264)	\$ 25,446,600
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ 6,489,473	\$ 27,316,066	\$ 40,777,863	\$ -
Change in Cash	\$ (0)	\$ 6,489,473	\$ 20,826,593	\$ 13,461,797	\$ (15,331,264)	\$ 25,446,600
Ending Cash	\$ (0)	\$ 6,489,473	\$ 27,316,066	\$ 40,777,863	\$ 25,446,600	\$ 25,446,600
Recovery:	Claim	Recovery (\$)	Recovery (%)			
DIP Facility Claim	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	100.0%			
US Bank Claim	\$ 29,315,000	\$ 16,500,000	56.3%			
Deutsche Bank Secured Claim	NA	\$ 6,318,918	NA			
Unsecured Claims	\$ 71,647,259	\$ 25,446,600	35.5%			

Base Case Projections

Specialty Trust, Inc.
(Debtor-in-Possession)
Summary of Projected Cash Flows for the Reorganized Debtors

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Cash Flow from Operations:						
Net Loan Repayments / Asset Sales	\$ 4,306,000	\$ 8,228,935	\$ 20,490,000	\$ 9,730,000	\$ 32,230,832	\$ 74,985,767
Interest Income	276,941	404,493	179,543	122,828	-	983,804
Other Income	12,140	43,540	20,000	19,167	9,167	104,013
Cash Interest Expense	(1,558,128)	(3,152,271)	-	-	-	(4,710,399)
Management & Servicing Fees	(686,081)	(1,046,524)	(904,193)	(690,630)	(598,763)	(3,926,191)
REO Carry Costs	(872,794)	(730,845)	(458,506)	(378,455)	(152,307)	(2,592,906)
General and Administrative	(676,834)	(184,720)	(188,795)	(192,994)	(197,320)	(1,440,662)
Chapter 11 Fees & Expenses	(3,556,192)	-	-	-	-	(3,556,192)
Cash Available / (Required) for Debt Repayment	\$ (2,754,947)	\$ 3,562,609	\$ 19,138,049	\$ 8,609,916	\$ 31,291,608	\$ 59,847,235
Secured Lender Repayments at Exit	(20,000,000)	-	-	-	-	(20,000,000)
Exit Facility Draws / (Repayments)	22,754,947	(3,562,609)	(19,138,049)	(8,126,644)	(17,244)	(8,089,599)
Incentive Fees - Exit Lender	-	-	-	-	(8,377,030)	(8,377,030)
Incentive Fees - Exit Lender (Estate Option)	-	-	-	-	(8,377,030)	(8,377,030)
Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) Repayments	-	-	-	-	(2,850,561)	(2,850,561)
Total Change in Cash	\$ (0)	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ 483,271	\$ 11,669,744	\$ 12,153,015
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ 483,271	\$ -
Change in Cash	(0)	0	-	483,271	11,669,744	12,153,015
Ending Cash	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ 483,271	\$ 12,153,015	\$ 12,153,015
Recovery:	Claim	Recovery (\$)	Recovery (%)			
DIP Facility Claim	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	100.0%			
US Bank Claim	\$ 29,315,000	\$ 16,500,000	56.3%			
Deutsche Bank Secured Claim	NA	\$ 2,850,561	NA			
Unsecured Claims	\$ 75,115,615	\$ 12,153,015	16.2%			

Downside Case Projections

Specialty Trust, Inc.
(Debtor-in-Possession)

Summary of Projected Cash Flows for the Reorganized Debtors

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Cash Flow from Operations:						
Net Loan Repayments / Asset Sales	\$ 3,229,500	\$ 6,171,701	\$ 15,367,500	\$ 7,297,500	\$ 24,173,124	\$ 56,239,325
Interest Income	276,941	404,493	179,543	122,828	-	983,804
Other Income	12,140	43,540	20,000	19,167	9,167	104,013
Cash Interest Expense	(1,558,128)	(3,293,691)	-	-	-	(4,851,818)
Management & Servicing Fees	(687,331)	(1,063,191)	(940,860)	(746,463)	(666,263)	(4,104,108)
REO Carry Costs	(872,794)	(730,845)	(458,506)	(378,455)	(152,307)	(2,592,906)
General and Administrative	(676,834)	(184,720)	(188,795)	(192,994)	(197,320)	(1,440,662)
Chapter 11 Fees & Expenses	(3,556,192)	-	-	-	-	(3,556,192)
Cash Available / (Required) for Debt Repayment	\$ (3,832,697)	\$ 1,347,289	\$ 13,978,882	\$ 6,121,582	\$ 23,166,400	\$ 40,781,457
Secured Lender Repayments at Exit	(20,000,000)	-	-	-	-	(20,000,000)
Exit Facility Draws / (Repayments)	23,832,697	(1,347,289)	(13,978,882)	(6,121,582)	(15,620,255)	(13,235,312)
Incentive Fees - Exit Lender	-	-	-	-	(1,934,792)	(1,934,792)
Incentive Fees - Exit Lender (Estate Option)	-	-	-	-	(1,934,792)	(1,934,792)
Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) Repayments	-	-	-	-	(1,123,184)	(1,123,184)
Total Change in Cash	\$ (0)	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,553,377	\$ 2,553,377
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ -
Change in Cash	\$ (0)	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,553,377	\$ 2,553,377
Ending Cash	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ 2,553,377	\$ 2,553,377
Recovery:	Claim	Recovery (\$)	Recovery (%)			
DIP Facility Claim	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	100.0%			
US Bank Claim	\$ 29,315,000	\$ 16,500,000	56.3%			
Deutsche Bank Secured Claim	NA	\$ 1,123,184	NA			
Unsecured Claims	\$ 76,842,992	\$ 2,553,377	3.3%			

Upside Case Projections – Excluding Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) Collateral

Specialty Trust, Inc.
(Debtor-in-Possession)
Summary of Projected Cash Flows for the Reorganized Debtors

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Cash Flow from Operations:						
Net Loan Repayments / Asset Sales	\$ 3,435,000	\$ 31,650,000	\$ 10,871,375	\$ 8,580,000	\$ 30,149,457	\$ 84,685,832
Interest Income	255,407	341,731	120,459	67,224	-	784,822
Other Income	3,640	26,540	2,750	-	-	32,930
Cash Interest Expense	(1,554,085)	(3,229,515)	-	-	-	(4,783,600)
Management & Servicing Fees	(591,806)	(935,111)	(636,761)	(619,270)	(499,529)	(3,282,477)
REO Carry Costs	(775,995)	(498,576)	(373,284)	(316,600)	(99,092)	(2,063,546)
General and Administrative	(676,834)	(184,720)	(188,795)	(192,994)	(197,320)	(1,440,662)
Chapter 11 Fees & Expenses	(3,556,192)	-	-	-	-	(3,556,192)
Cash Available / (Required) for Debt Repayment	\$ (3,460,865)	\$ 27,170,350	\$ 9,795,744	\$ 7,518,361	\$ 29,353,516	\$ 70,377,106
Secured Lender Repayments at Exit						
Exit Facility Draws / (Repayments)	(20,000,000)	-	-	-	-	(20,000,000)
Incentive Fees - Exit Lender	23,460,865	(25,835,165)	-	-	-	(2,374,300)
Incentive Fees - Exit Lender (Estate Option)	-	-	-	-	(21,601,263)	(21,601,263)
Total Change in Cash	\$ -	\$ 1,335,185	\$ 9,795,744	\$ 7,518,361	\$ (13,849,009)	\$ 4,800,281
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,335,185	\$ 11,130,929	\$ 18,649,290	\$ -
Change in Cash	\$ -	\$ 1,335,185	\$ 9,795,744	\$ 7,518,361	\$ (13,849,009)	\$ 4,800,281
Ending Cash	\$ -	\$ 1,335,185	\$ 11,130,929	\$ 18,649,290	\$ 4,800,281	\$ 4,800,281
Recovery:						
DIP Facility Claim	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	100.0%			
US Bank Claim	\$ 29,315,000	\$ 16,500,000	56.3%			
Unsecured Claims	\$ 73,515,577	\$ 4,800,281	6.5%			

Base Case Projections – Excluding Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) CollateralSpecialty Trust, Inc.
(Debtor-in-Possession)**Summary of Projected Cash Flows for the Reorganized Debtors**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Cash Flow from Operations:						
Net Loan Repayments / Asset Sales	\$ 3,435,000	\$ 5,570,000	\$ 18,600,000	\$ 3,380,000	\$ 33,120,832	\$ 64,105,832
Interest Income	255,407	346,681	179,543	122,828	-	904,458
Other Income	3,640	26,540	3,000	3,000	2,750	38,930
Cash Interest Expense	(1,554,085)	(3,229,515)	-	-	-	(4,783,600)
Management & Servicing Fees	(591,806)	(952,611)	(830,280)	(635,883)	(556,981)	(3,567,561)
REO Carry Costs	(775,995)	(498,576)	(373,826)	(332,492)	(138,276)	(2,119,164)
General and Administrative	(676,834)	(184,720)	(188,795)	(192,994)	(197,320)	(1,440,662)
Chapter 11 Fees & Expenses	(3,556,192)	-	-	-	-	(3,556,192)
Cash Available / (Required) for Debt Repayment	\$ (3,460,865)	\$ 1,077,800	\$ 17,389,642	\$ 2,344,458	\$ 32,231,005	\$ 49,582,040
Secured Lender Repayments at Exit	(20,000,000)	-	-	-	-	(20,000,000)
Exit Facility Draws / (Repayments)	23,460,865	(1,077,800)	(17,389,642)	(2,344,458)	(14,981,166)	(12,332,202)
Incentive Fees - Exit Lender	-	-	-	-	(7,762,427)	(7,762,427)
Incentive Fees - Exit Lender (Estate Option)	-	-	-	-	(7,762,427)	(7,762,427)
Total Change in Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,724,984	\$ 1,724,984
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Change in Cash	-	-	-	-	1,724,984	1,724,984
Ending Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,724,984	\$ 1,724,984
Recovery:	Claim	Recovery (\$)	Recovery (%)			
DIP Facility Claim	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	100.0%			
US Bank Claim	\$ 29,315,000	\$ 16,500,000	56.3%			
Unsecured Claims	\$ 73,515,577	\$ 1,724,984	2.3%			

Downside Case Projections – Excluding Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) CollateralSpecialty Trust, Inc.
(Debtor-in-Possession)**Summary of Projected Cash Flows for the Reorganized Debtors**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Cash Flow from Operations:						
Net Loan Repayments / Asset Sales	\$ 2,576,250	\$ 4,177,500	\$ 13,950,000	\$ 2,535,000	\$ 24,840,624	\$ 48,079,374
Interest Income	255,407	346,681	179,543	122,828	-	904,458
Other Income	3,640	26,540	3,000	3,000	2,750	38,930
Cash Interest Expense	(1,554,085)	(3,342,194)	-	-	-	(4,896,279)
Management & Servicing Fees	(592,639)	(962,611)	(840,280)	(645,883)	(567,815)	(3,609,228)
REO Carry Costs	(775,995)	(498,576)	(373,826)	(332,492)	(138,276)	(2,119,164)
General and Administrative	(676,834)	(184,720)	(188,795)	(192,994)	(197,320)	(1,440,662)
Chapter 11 Fees & Expenses	(3,556,192)	-	-	-	-	(3,556,192)
Cash Available / (Required) for Debt Repayment	\$ (4,320,449)	\$ (437,378)	\$ 12,729,642	\$ 1,489,458	\$ 23,939,964	\$ 33,401,237
Secured Lender Repayments at Exit	(20,000,000)	-	-	-	-	(20,000,000)
Exit Facility Draws / (Repayments)	24,320,449	437,378	(12,729,642)	(1,489,458)	(23,939,964)	(13,401,237)
Incentive Fees - Exit Lender	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incentive Fees - Exit Lender (Estate Option)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Change in Cash	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ (0)	\$ (0)
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ -
Change in Cash	-	(0)	-	0	(0)	(0)
Ending Cash	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)
Recovery:	Claim	Recovery (\$)	Recovery (%)			
DIP Facility Claim	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	100.0%			
US Bank Claim	\$ 29,315,000	\$ 16,500,000	56.3%			
Unsecured Claims	\$ 73,515,577	\$ (0)	0.0%			

Exhibit 2

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FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

UNDERLYING THE PROJECTIONS ARE NUMEROUS ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS THAT, ALTHOUGH DEVELOPED AND CONSIDERED REASONABLE BY THE COMMITTEE, ARE INHERENTLY SUBJECT TO SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS, ECONOMIC, REGULATORY AND COMPETITIVE UNCERTAINTIES AND CONTINGENCIES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE COMMITTEE AND THEIR ADVISORS. ACCORDINGLY, THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT THE VALUES REFLECTED IN THE PROJECTIONS WILL BE REALIZED AND ACTUAL RESULTS COULD MATERIALLY DIFFER FROM THE RESULTS SET FORTH HEREIN. FURTHERMORE, THE PLAN CONTEMPLATES THE UTILIZATION OF A NEW ASSET MANAGER TO OVERSEE THE MANAGEMENT AND RESOLUTION OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSETS THAT MAY RESULT IN MATERIAL DEVIATIONS FROM THE PROJECTIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS PROVIDED BELOW.

Methodology & Key Assumptions

1. *Methodology.* The Committee has developed financial projections (the "Projections") for the Debtors' continued business operations upon emergence from chapter 11 through the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. The Committee relied on the Debtors' plan projections for estimates of proceeds from loan repayments, asset sales, interest income and other income under three scenarios, "Upside Case," "Base Case" and "Downside Case". The "Upside Case," "Base Case" and "Downside Case" estimates were prepared by management based upon a number of assumptions with regard to the future performance of the Debtors, the real estate markets in which the Debtors operate, and recent third-party appraisals.

Using the "Upside Case," "Base Case" and "Downside Case" the Committee prepared two sets of projections, one set reflects a \$16.5 million payoff of the US Bank claim at exit and the other set reflects the US Bank claim not paid at exit, but receiving a Restructured Note with a 5 year term with an interest rate of US Bank Prime plus 2% paid in kind.

The Projections were not prepared with a view toward compliance with the guidelines established by The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the practices recognized to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or the rules and regulations of the SEC regarding projections. Furthermore, the Projections have not been audited by the Debtors' independent accountants or tax advisors. Rather, the Projections reflect the forecasted cash flows of the business as such receipts and disbursements are projected to be realized by the Liquidating Trust.

2. *Exit Facility.* The Committee's Plan proposes exit financing of up to \$12 million dollars, plus an additional \$16.5 million dollars to pay off US Bank. The Committee has not yet obtained financing for either of these components of the Committee's Plan. The Projections assume the Exit Facility will receive 18% interest paid in kind with the exception that 12% interest will be paid in cash during the first 18 months following the exit.
3. *Projection Period.* The Projections were prepared for the fiscal years 2011 through 2015 (the "Projection Period"). The Debtors operate on a fiscal year ending December 31st.
4. *Plan Consummation.* The Projections assume the Plan will be confirmed and consummated and that the Debtors will emerge from chapter 11 on or about June 1, 2011.

5. *Macroeconomic and Market Conditions.* The Projections assume an increasingly stable to slowly improving macroeconomic environment and similar conditions within the markets in which the Debtors operate. The Projections contemplate a modest recovery in land and related real estate asset values in the Debtors' markets over the Projection Period.
6. *Loan Repayments and Asset Sales.* The Projections assume the repayment of all loans and the sale of all real estate owned ("REO") in the Debtors' portfolio occurs over the Projection Period. It is assumed that the Debtors will incur selling expenses equal to 10% of gross proceeds realized from REO assets to account for commissions, closing costs and other expenses typically borne by sellers. Net proceeds from loan repayments and asset sales, after all applicable costs, are utilized to repay the exit facility.
7. *Other Income.* Other income generated from the portfolio includes rental and farm income from certain REO properties.
8. *Interest Income.* Includes cash interest and fees received from certain performing or partially performing loans.
9. *Cash Interest Expense.* The Projections assume payment of partial cash interest on an Exit Facility at a rate of 12.0% during the first 18 months following exit.
10. *Management Fee.* The Projections include estimates of management fees equal to the management fees assumed in the Debtors' plan projections.
11. *REO Carry Costs.* The Projections include certain carry costs associated with REO properties during the course of the Projection Period. These include tax, insurance, maintenance, legal, utilities, professional and appraisal expenses.
12. *General and Administrative Costs.* The Projections assume that there will be certain monthly costs necessary for the Debtors to continue limited operations. These include payroll, legal, accounting, foreclosure, board fees and liquidating trustee fees.
13. *Chapter 11 Administrative Fees & Expenses.* Approximately \$1.5 million of bankruptcy fees and expenses will be paid at the Plan effective date. Pursuant to the Waterfall described below, the balance will be paid over time as assets are sold. The Committee believes that these costs will be paid in full prior to December 31, 2012.
14. *Waterfall.* The Projections assume that the proceeds from the sale of assets will be applied as follows:
 - i. to fund any costs and expenses due to Exit Facility lender;
 - ii. to fund working capital of the Liquidating Trust and pay any remaining chapter 11 administrative fees and expenses;
 - iii. to fund the payment of any interest due to the Exit Facility lender;
 - iv. to repay any outstanding Exit Facility principal;
 - v. to distribute funds pursuant to the Plan.
15. *Recovery.* Following the repayment of the Exit Facility and the sale or repayment of all assets in the Debtors' portfolio, estimates are made as to the amount of net proceeds distributable to satisfy the secured claims of US Bank and the Secured Noteholders (Deutsche Bank) by aggregating proceeds which resulted from the sale or repayment of US

Bank or Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) collateral less an estimate of the costs associated with the resolution of the assets securing their claims. Following the distribution of net proceeds to satisfy the secured portion of US Bank's claim or the Secured Noteholders (Deutsche Bank) claims, the remaining distributable proceeds are applied to estimated aggregate unsecured claims. Aggregate unsecured claims include US Bank's deficiency claim, Unsecured Noteholder claims, Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) deficiency claims and an estimate of other unsecured claims. The Projections assume repayment of the DIP Facility at exit as outlined in the Plan.

Upside Case Projections: US Bank paid \$16.5m at Exit per Option 1 of the Plan

Specialty Trust, Inc.
Summary of Projected Cash Flows for the Liquidating Trust

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Cash Flow from Operations:						
Net Loan Repayments / Asset Sales	\$ 4,306,000	\$ 36,308,935	\$ 22,096,375	\$ 14,580,000	\$ 27,149,457	\$ 104,440,767
Interest Income	276,941	399,543	120,459	67,224	-	864,168
Other Income	12,140	43,540	18,333	-	-	74,013
Litigation Recoveries	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Cash Interest Expense	(1,567,356)	(3,212,687)	-	-	-	(4,780,044)
Management & Servicing Fees	(692,878)	(1,110,088)	(778,273)	(654,833)	(532,129)	(3,768,202)
REO Carry Costs	(872,794)	(730,845)	(452,589)	(316,600)	(99,092)	(2,471,919)
General and Administrative	(4,533,025)	(424,720)	(368,795)	(312,994)	(317,320)	(5,956,854)
Cash Available / (Required) for Debt Repayment	\$ (3,070,973)	\$ 31,273,679	\$ 20,635,510	\$ 13,362,797	\$ 26,200,916	\$ 88,401,929
Secured Lender Repayments at Exit	(3,500,000)	-	-	-	-	(3,500,000)
Exit Facility Draws / (Repayments)	23,070,973	(25,443,494)	-	-	-	(2,372,522)
Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) Repayments	-	(2,947,792)	(11,015,266)	-	(1,948,150)	(15,911,207)
Secured Noteholder (US Bank) Repayments	(16,500,000)	-	-	-	-	(16,500,000)
Total Change in Cash	\$ -	\$ 2,882,393	\$ 9,620,244	\$ 13,362,797	\$ 24,252,766	\$ 50,118,200
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,882,393	\$ 12,502,637	\$ 25,865,434	\$ -
Change in Cash	\$ -	\$ 2,882,393	\$ 9,620,244	\$ 13,362,797	\$ 24,252,766	\$ 50,118,200
Ending Cash	\$ -	\$ 2,882,393	\$ 12,502,637	\$ 25,865,434	\$ 50,118,200	\$ 50,118,200

	Claim	Recovery (\$)	Recovery (%)
Recovery:			
DIP Facility Claim	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	100.0%
US Bank Claim	NA	\$ 16,500,000	NA
Deutsche Bank Secured Claim	NA	\$ 15,911,207	NA
Unsecured Claims	\$ 62,054,969	\$ 50,118,200	80.8%

Base Case Projections: US Bank paid \$16.5m at Exit per Option 1 of the Plan

Specialty Trust, Inc.
Summary of Projected Cash Flows for the Liquidating Trust

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Cash Flow from Operations:						
Net Loan Repayments / Asset Sales	\$ 4,306,000	\$ 8,228,935	\$ 20,490,000	\$ 9,730,000	\$ 32,230,832	\$ 74,985,767
Interest Income	276,941	404,493	179,543	122,828	-	983,804
Other Income	12,140	43,540	20,000	19,167	9,167	104,013
Litigation Recoveries	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Cash Interest Expense	(1,567,356)	(3,208,457)	-	-	-	(4,775,813)
Management & Servicing Fees	(687,747)	(1,066,524)	(922,527)	(690,630)	(598,763)	(3,966,191)
REO Carry Costs	(872,794)	(730,845)	(458,506)	(378,455)	(152,307)	(2,592,906)
General and Administrative	(4,533,025)	(424,720)	(368,795)	(312,994)	(317,320)	(5,956,854)
Cash Available / (Required) for Debt Repayment	\$ (3,065,842)	\$ 3,246,423	\$ 18,939,715	\$ 8,489,916	\$ 31,171,608	\$ 58,781,820
Secured Lender Repayments at Exit	(3,500,000)	-	-	-	-	(3,500,000)
Exit Facility Draws / (Repayments)	23,065,842	(3,246,423)	(18,939,715)	(8,489,916)	(1,107,590)	(8,717,802)
Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) Repayments	-	-	-	-	(10,123,825)	(10,123,825)
Secured Noteholder (US Bank) Repayments	(16,500,000)	-	-	-	-	(16,500,000)
Total Change in Cash	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ 19,940,193	\$ 19,940,193
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (0)	-
Change in Cash	-	-	-	-	19,940,193	19,940,193
Ending Cash	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (0)	\$ 19,940,193	\$ 19,940,193

	Claim	Recovery (\$)	Recovery (%)
Recovery:			
DIP Facility Claim	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	100.0%
US Bank Claim	NA	\$ 16,500,000	NA
Deutsche Bank Secured Claim	NA	\$ 10,123,825	NA
Unsecured Claims	\$ 67,842,351	\$ 19,940,193	29.4%

Downside Case Projections: US Bank paid \$16.5m at Exit per Option 1 of the Plan

Specialty Trust, Inc.
Summary of Projected Cash Flows for the Liquidating Trust

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Cash Flow from Operations:						
Net Loan Repayments / Asset Sales	\$ 3,229,500	\$ 6,171,701	\$ 15,367,500	\$ 7,297,500	\$ 24,173,124	\$ 56,239,325
Interest Income	276,941	404,493	179,543	122,828	-	983,804
Other Income	12,140	43,540	20,000	19,167	9,167	104,013
Litigation Recoveries	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Cash Interest Expense	(1,567,356)	(3,349,876)	-	-	-	(4,917,233)
Management & Servicing Fees	(688,997)	(1,083,191)	(959,193)	(746,463)	(666,263)	(4,144,108)
REO Carry Costs	(872,794)	(730,845)	(458,506)	(378,455)	(152,307)	(2,592,906)
General and Administrative	(4,533,025)	(424,720)	(368,795)	(312,994)	(317,320)	(5,956,854)
Cash Available / (Required) for Debt Repayment	\$ (4,143,592)	\$ 1,031,103	\$ 13,780,549	\$ 6,001,582	\$ 23,046,400	\$ 39,716,043
Secured Lender Repayments at Exit	(3,500,000)	-	-	-	-	(3,500,000)
Exit Facility Draws / (Repayments)	24,143,592	(1,031,103)	(13,780,549)	(6,001,582)	(17,222,585)	(13,892,227)
Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) Repayments	-	-	-	-	(5,823,815)	(5,823,815)
Secured Noteholder (US Bank) Repayments	(16,500,000)	0	-	-	(0)	(16,500,000)
Total Change in Cash	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ -
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ -
Change in Cash	-	(0)	-	-	(0)	(0)
Ending Cash	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ (0)

	Claim	Recovery (\$)	Recovery (%)
Recovery:			
DIP Facility Claim	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	100.0%
US Bank Claim	NA	\$ 16,500,000	NA
Deutsche Bank Secured Claim	NA	\$ 5,823,815	NA
Unsecured Claims	\$ 72,142,361	\$ (0)	0.0%

Upside Case Projections: US Bank receives restructured note per Option 2 of the Plan

Specialty Trust, Inc.
Summary of Projected Cash Flows for the Liquidating Trust

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Cash Flow from Operations:						
Net Loan Repayments / Asset Sales	\$ 4,306,000	\$ 36,308,935	\$ 22,096,375	\$ 14,580,000	\$ 27,149,457	\$ 104,440,767
Interest Income	276,941	399,543	120,459	67,224	-	864,168
Other Income	12,140	43,540	18,333	-	-	74,013
Litigation Recoveries	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Cash Interest Expense	(539,480)	(859,816)	-	-	-	(1,399,297)
Management & Servicing Fees	(692,878)	(1,110,088)	(778,273)	(654,833)	(532,129)	(3,768,202)
REO Carry Costs	(872,794)	(730,845)	(452,589)	(316,600)	(99,092)	(2,471,919)
General and Administrative	(4,533,025)	(424,720)	(368,795)	(312,994)	(317,320)	(5,956,854)
Cash Available / (Required) for Debt Repayment	\$ (2,043,097)	\$ 33,626,550	\$ 20,635,510	\$ 13,362,797	\$ 26,200,916	\$ 91,782,676
Secured Lender Repayments at Exit	(3,500,000)	-	-	-	-	(3,500,000)
Exit Facility Draws / (Repayments)	5,543,097	(6,225,245)	(124,123)	-	-	(806,271)
Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) Repayments	-	(1,786,316)	(12,182,539)	-	(1,948,150)	(15,917,005)
Secured Noteholder (US Bank) Repayments	-	(25,614,989)	(6,570,531)	-	-	(32,185,520)
Total Change in Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,758,318	\$ 13,362,797	\$ 24,252,766	\$ 39,373,880
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,758,318	\$ 15,121,115	\$ -
Change in Cash	-	-	1,758,318	13,362,797	24,252,766	39,373,880
Ending Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,758,318	\$ 15,121,115	\$ 39,373,880	\$ 39,373,880

	Claim	Recovery (\$)	Recovery (%)
Recovery:			
DIP Facility Claim	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	100.0%
US Bank Claim	NA	\$ 32,185,520	NA
Deutsche Bank Secured Claim	NA	\$ 15,917,005	NA
Unsecured Claims	\$ 62,049,171	\$ 39,373,880	63.5%

Base Case Projections: US Bank receives restructured note per Option 2 of the Plan

Specialty Trust, Inc.
Summary of Projected Cash Flows for the Liquidating Trust

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Cash Flow from Operations:						
Net Loan Repayments / Asset Sales	\$ 4,306,000	\$ 8,228,935	\$ 20,490,000	\$ 9,730,000	\$ 32,230,832	\$ 74,985,767
Interest Income	276,941	404,493	179,543	122,828	-	983,804
Other Income	12,140	43,540	20,000	19,167	9,167	104,013
Litigation Recoveries	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Cash Interest Expense	(539,480)	(855,586)	-	-	-	(1,395,066)
Management & Servicing Fees	(687,747)	(1,066,524)	(922,527)	(690,630)	(598,763)	(3,966,191)
REO Carry Costs	(872,794)	(730,845)	(458,506)	(378,455)	(152,307)	(2,592,906)
General and Administrative	(4,533,025)	(424,720)	(368,795)	(312,994)	(317,320)	(5,956,854)
Cash Available / (Required) for Debt Repayment	\$ (2,037,966)	\$ 5,599,294	\$ 18,939,715	\$ 8,489,916	\$ 31,171,608	\$ 62,162,567
Secured Lender Repayments at Exit	(3,500,000)	-	-	-	-	(3,500,000)
Exit Facility Draws / (Repayments)	5,537,966	(5,599,294)	(872,104)	(104,092)	(93,480)	(1,131,004)
Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) Repayments	-	-	(1,609,589)	(1,196,376)	(7,293,341)	(10,099,306)
Secured Noteholder (US Bank) Repayments	-	-	(16,458,022)	(7,189,448)	(11,418,378)	(35,065,848)
Total Change in Cash	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,366,410	\$ 12,366,410
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ -
Change in Cash	-	0	-	-	12,366,410	12,366,410
Ending Cash	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 12,366,410	\$ 12,366,410

	Claim	Recovery (\$)	Recovery (%)
Recovery:			
DIP Facility Claim	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	100.0%
US Bank Claim	NA	\$ 35,065,848	NA
Deutsche Bank Secured Claim	NA	\$ 10,099,306	NA
Unsecured Claims	\$ 67,866,871	\$ 12,366,410	18.2%

Downside Case Projections: US Bank receives restructured note per Option 2 of the Plan

Specialty Trust, Inc.
Summary of Projected Cash Flows for the Liquidating Trust

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Cash Flow from Operations:						
Net Loan Repayments / Asset Sales	\$ 3,229,500	\$ 6,171,701	\$ 15,367,500	\$ 7,297,500	\$ 24,173,124	\$ 56,239,325
Interest Income	276,941	404,493	179,543	122,828	-	983,804
Other Income	12,140	43,540	20,000	19,167	9,167	104,013
Litigation Recoveries	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Cash Interest Expense	(539,480)	(997,005)	-	-	-	(1,536,486)
Management & Servicing Fees	(688,997)	(1,083,191)	(959,193)	(746,463)	(666,263)	(4,144,108)
REO Carry Costs	(872,794)	(730,845)	(458,506)	(378,455)	(152,307)	(2,592,906)
General and Administrative	(4,533,025)	(424,720)	(368,795)	(312,994)	(317,320)	(5,956,854)
Cash Available / (Required) for Debt Repayment	\$ (3,115,716)	\$ 3,383,974	\$ 13,780,549	\$ 6,001,582	\$ 23,046,400	\$ 43,096,790
Secured Lender Repayments at Exit	(3,500,000)	-	-	-	-	(3,500,000)
Exit Facility Draws / (Repayments)	6,615,716	(3,383,974)	(4,896,937)	(108,864)	(99,120)	(1,873,179)
Secured Noteholder (Deutsche Bank) Repayments	-	-	(766,802)	(806,660)	(3,478,363)	(5,051,825)
Secured Noteholder (US Bank) Repayments	-	-	(8,116,810)	(5,086,058)	(19,468,917)	(32,671,786)
Total Change in Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ -
Change in Cash	0	0	-	-	-	0
Ending Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

	Claim	Recovery (\$)	Recovery (%)
Recovery:			
DIP Facility Claim	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	100.0%
US Bank Claim	NA	32,671,786	NA
Deutsche Bank Secured Claim	NA	5,051,825	NA
Unsecured Claims	\$ 72,914,352	0	0.0%